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AGRICULTURE EXCHANGE

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RED CROSS ROLL CALL

Once again we have an opportunity of aiding the Red Cross. The 1936 Red Cross Annual Roll Call Campaign will begin September 27, and will run through October 16. Membership in the Red Cross starts at \$1.00, while larger or even smaller sums are gladly accepted. Half of each membership fee of \$1.00 goes to support the National Red Cross service and the balance is retained by the D. C. Chapter for local work.

PRONUNCIAMENTO

Every member of the Exchange staff is regularly employed by the Department on other full time work. All work on the paper is done voluntarily, without compensation, and on the employe's own time. When we give space, week after week to an announcement that there is no business conducted during office hours, we mean that there is no business conducted during office hours. This includes the use of the telephone. "Abuse" would be the more proper word, for most of the telephone calls are unnecessary.

Hereafter, when readers of the Exchange feel impelled to call the editor or his staff, we shall reciprocally be impelled to reply, "You must have the wrong party".

Writing this brings to mind the lady who fumed and ranted because there was not someone at all times at the Exchange office.

Regretfully we say that unless the pilgrimage ceases during office hours, unless the telephone stops ringing, the Exchange will feel forced to suspend publication.

CAMERA CLUB STARTS FALL SEASON

The Washington Photographic Society, with which the USDA Camera Club merged some months ago, will hold its first indoor meeting this fall at Mt. Pleasant Library at 8:00 p.m., September 30. The speaker will be Mr. Robert N. Adams, photographer for the advertising division of the Washington Post, who will speak on advertising photography.

The Community Chest Organization of the Department of Agriculture has been designated this year by Dr. W. W. Stockberger, Director of Personnel, to handle the Red Cross campaign. Dr. Stockberger will act as Department Chairman.

The value of the Red Cross is too well known to need lengthy explanation. In this vicinity alone, noble work was done this year to alleviate human suffering caused by the unprecedented spring floods, and just recently by the terrific storms which struck the Atlantic seaboard, just missing Washington.

All accounts of the American Red Cross are audited by the War Department and a financial report is submitted annually to Congress. The American Red Cross does not receive financial support from the United States Government.

ABSENTEE VOTERS

We have been asked by the Democratic National Committee to advise employes of several low cost round trips to Philadelphia and New York for the convenience of those who desire to register for the coming elections.

New Yorkers may leave either Friday, October 9, or Saturday, October 10. Philadelphians will have special trains leaving Friday and Saturday, October 2 and 3.

Further information concerning purchase of tickets, rates, etc., may be secured at the Democratic Absentee Voters Bureau, 1410 G Street, N. W., from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Do not write the Exchange.)

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir:

As per your continued request for
suggested improvements, I have one to
make.

In my humble opinion the journalis-
tic efforts of the Exchange staff is
amateurish and inarticulate to say the
least. Subject matter and style of
presentation could bear improvement.
However, the apparent inability to
present concisely and lucidly the facts
at hand is the primary fault.

My suggestion would embrace an en-
rollment for the Editorial course now
offered by the Graduate School.

Trusting I have been of some service,
I remain

Very truly yours,
Joseph Sakolin

Editor's Note: We invite Mr. Sakolin
to join our staff.

THE ARA BUYING CLUB

NEW BARGAINS:

Fuel Oil - 1/2¢ a gallon
Coal - 75¢ a ton
Christmas cards & engraving - 10%
Furnace blowers - 15 to 17 1/2%
Oil Burners - 10 to 20%
Automobile insurance - 20%
All types of fire insurance - 20%
Luggage - 40%

and many other household needs at
wholesale discounts.

Contact Mrs. Romero, BAE, for appli-
cations. Write only. Do not call in
person or phone.

CREDIT UNION FORGES AHEAD

The Agriculture Employees Credit
Union had 935 members on August 31,
1936, who had invested a total of
\$33,000, according to W. H. Rohrman,
Acting Treasurer, and 482 members who
had borrowed money. This organization
has shown a steady growth since it was
started in May, 1934. Dividends of
6% per year have been paid so far.

Employees are invited to become mem-
bers. Information may be secured at
the office of the Credit Union, Room
1041 South Building, Branch 579.

COOPERATIVE PURCHASES
OF FUEL

The Fuel Club has been fortunate to
make arrangements with another similar
organization in the District. Indica-
tions are that savings of as much as
\$2.00 a ton on coal will be secured.
Consumers of oil and wood will also se-
cure discounts.

Communicate with the Fuel Club, in
care of the Agriculture Exchange. Give
your name, bureau, and room number. If
you wish reply to be sent to your home,
send a stamped envelope.

No information will be given over the
telephone.

WELFARE STORE

SPECIALS

FRESH LAMB

Loin 36¢
Rib Chops 31¢
Breast 10¢
Shoulders 15¢

PORK

Loin Roast 27¢
Rib Chops 27¢
Shoulder Butts 21¢

GRADUATE SCHOOL COURSES

COMPARATIVE NEMATOLOGY (year).--Dr. B.G. Chitwood. Saturday, 1:30 p.m., beginning October 3. Room 211 East Wing, Administration Building.

First Semester.--Morphology and histology of nematodes; particular reference to the significance of such information in evolution and classification. Prerequisites: 4 college courses in zoology or equivalent.

Second semester. -- Embryology, larval development, and systematic nematology. Lectures will be given on the life histories of various groups by specialists as far as is practical. The classification and systematics of the phylum will be covered in brief. Prerequisite, the first semester. Fee - \$12.00 for one semester.

Laboratories follow immediately after lectures, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

A course in LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE is being planned. The Graduate School would like to have the names of students interested in such a course.

ECONOMICS IN FRENCH AND GERMAN (year).--Dr. Walter Bauer. Thursdays, beginning October 8 at 4:45 to 6:30 p.m. Room 5092 South Building.

Designed to aid Economics Majors in securing their language requirements for the Doctorate in Economics; to review in the original, contributions to economic thought. Prerequisites: Advanced or Scientific French and German. Bachelor's degree. Graduate program majoring in Economics. Fee - \$12.00 for one semester.

PLAN OF COURSE:

The principal contributions to economic thought made by German and French economists will be discussed in German and French. Salient portions of their publications - made available in mimeographed form - will be translated and analyzed in class with a view to coining the proper English equivalents of terms and economic conceptions used by foreign economists.

RELIGIOUS LIFE BODY MEETS

Many employees will reserve the evening of Tuesday, September 29, in order to attend the Second Annual Mass Meeting of the Committee on Religious Life in the Nation's Capital to be held in Constitution Hall at 8:15 p. m. Several well known speakers will give short addresses. Music will be furnished by the Army Band and some of the finest choirs of Washington. Watch for full details in the daily papers.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS

In view of the fact that the Graduate School is not offering a class in Photography this year, members of the Department are advised that the Y.W.C.A. is giving such a course for both men and women.

MOTOR TRAVEL SERVICE

TRANSPORTATION WANTED:

- Ill. - Chicago, Oct. 1; Nov. 15
- Iowa - Iowa City, Oct. 4-11
- N. C. - Raleigh, weekend
- Local - Between Dept. & Hyattsville
- Between Dept. & 16th & U, N.W.
- Between Dept. and G. W. U. on Mon.-Wed.-Fri. (5:10 class)

TRANSPORTATION OFFERED:

- Ga. - Atlanta, Sept. 30
- Ill. - Chicago, Oct. 3
- Kan. - Topeka, Oct. 17-24
- Ky. - Louisville, Oct. 2
- Mo. - Kansas City, Oct. 3, Oct. 17-24
- St. Louis, Oct. 17-24
- N. Y. - New York City, Oct. 9
- Ohio - Cincinnati, Oct. 2
- Pa. - Carlisle, weekends
- Tenn. - Memphis, Sept. 30
- Va. - Hampton, weekends

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ARA BRIDGE CLUB STARTS

The ARA Bridge Club will begin playing duplicate contract bridge on Saturday, October 10, 1936, at 8:00 p.m., at the Taft House Inn, 1603 K Street, N.W. Come early and bring a partner. A fee of 25 cents per player will be collected to give a prize to the high scorers.

The ARA Bridge Club is planning to arrange a series of duplicate contract games for the less advanced players of the Club. Notices are being sent to the list of members requesting information on a preference of evenings, whether Saturdays or Wednesdays. Replies are requested by October first from those interested in playing, designating the preference of evenings. During Mrs. Terry's absence, until October 5, you may send these replies to Miss W. Pickett, Public Roads.

GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM

The Aggiettes journeyed to Chicago a couple of weeks ago to enter the National Tournament there. They beat the North Dakota State Champions 24 to 9 in the first game, but were eliminated by the New York State team, 21 to 1. The trip was made by auto. The girls paid their own expenses.

A benefit dance will be given at the Broadmoor Hotel, 3901 Connecticut Ave., N.W., to help raise funds to reimburse the team. The dance will be informal. Medals for the D. C. Championship will be presented.

LOST BOOK

"Tests for Color-Blindness", by Shinibu Ishihara. Library call no. 334 Is3.

Please return to Dorothy Nickerson, Division of Cotton Marketing, Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

BRIDGE CLUB NOTES

The Agricultural Bridge Club held its annual business meeting September 23 and elected the following officers for the coming year:

President -

R. E. Marsh, assistant chief,
Bureau of Forest Service

Vice President -

H. G. Byers, chief, Division
of Soil Chemistry and
Physics Research, Bureau of
Chemistry and Soils

Secretary-Treasurer -

Mrs. Thelma F. Lee,
Food and Drug Administration

Winners North and South were Dr. C.C. MacDonnell and his son, Dr. C.H. MacDonnell; runners-up were Dr. Edith Allen and Miss Dilli.

Winners East and West were Mrs. Frederick Munchmeyer and Mr. G.H. Warthen; runners-up were Mrs. June Hodgkins and Mrs. Roy Hackett.

Club's next game is scheduled for September 30, 8:00 p.m., 2400 16th Street, N.W.

DANCE GROUP STARTS FALL SEASON

The Dance Class of the ARA opens its new fall term on Thursday, October 1, 1936, and continues to hold classes every Thursday thereafter. All members of the ARA, all Departmental employees, and their friends are invited to attend. There will be classes in beginning and advanced tap dancing from 7:00 till 8:00 p.m. and instructions in ball room dancing from 8:00 till 9:00 p.m., followed by a social dance to a five-piece orchestra until 11:45. Admission for the entire evening is only twenty-five cents. Classes are held in the Armory of Roosevelt High School, 13th & Upshur Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. For information, write Mr. John Mansuy, Instructor, Room 5840, South Building, Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine.

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DEPARTMENT OBJECTIVES COURSE TO START THIS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9th!

COURSE IS FREE UPON REGISTRATION. SECRETARY WALLACE FIRST SPEAKER!

On Friday, October 9, at 5 p.m. in the Agriculture Auditorium, Secretary Henry A. Wallace will deliver the first lecture in the special course in Department of Agriculture Objectives. The course will endeavor to describe the objectives of the Department, rather than a work program. Many of the bureau chiefs are scheduled to speak. Registration is limited to 700. To register, send name, bureau, division, room, and branch number to the Director of the Graduate School, room 4090 South Building. ALL REGISTRATIONS MADE LAST YEAR ARE VOID.

Copies of the published lectures will be available at an actual cost price not to exceed 50 cents. Such a tremendous undertaking has never been attempted before in a Government department. All eyes are on us. We must prove our point.

DO YOU KNOW???

We quote from the Department "Regulations", Section 1543:

"Gifts to Officials Prohibited.— No employee in the Department shall at any time solicit contributions from other employees in the Government service for a gift or present to anyone in a superior position; nor shall any such official or clerical superior receive any gift or present offered or presented to him as a contribution from persons in Government employ receiving a less salary than himself; nor shall any officer or clerk make any donation as a gift or present to any official superior."

RIDING CLUB NOTES

Members of the ARA are entitled to a discount of 10 percent on all purchases at Irving's Sport Goods Store, 10th and E Streets, N.W. Membership in the Riding Club can be secured through Mrs. Roby Stehr, Information Desk, Main Building.

GROUP WORKS FOR SICK CHILDREN

An established institution in Agriculture each year is the preparation of Christmas hospital books, a practice which has gone on for about five years. Picture postcards, Christmas cards, and pretty pictures from magazines are made into books that are distributed to children in such hospitals as Gallinger, Children's Tuberculosis, Children's Hospital, and Freedmen's Hospital. All work is done after hours, and, it is promised, a cheerful time is to be had for all.

Prizes are awarded in four different classes: Men, Women, Children, and a Grand Prize. Paper books are furnished the contestants with instructions. The contest closes November 20, but the request is for all who can to help spread some cheer this Christmas. Information can be secured in room 249-W Administration Building before or after office hours.

LEGION POST TO INSTALL OFFICERS

Installation ceremonies of the U. S. Department of Agriculture Post 36 of the American Legion will be held at the Broadmoor Apartments, 3601 Connecticut Avenue, on Saturday, October 10, at 9 p.m. Following this will be a dance and buffet supper. The cost is 75 cents and everyone is invited.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir:

Permit me to compliment you and
your staff on the handling of the Agri-
culture Exchange and to commend you for
giving so much of your personal time to
it. If, as has been stated, the Ex-
change is lacking in editorial quality,
the capacity for rejoinder seems to be
quite well developed.

I think you are doing a fine piece
of work for the personnel of the Depart-
ment.

Chas. E. Gage

U.S. CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

PRINCIPAL FUEL TECHNOLOGIST, \$5,600;
SENIOR FUEL TECHNOLOGIST, \$4,600; FUEL
TECHNOLOGIST, \$3,800. Age, under 53.
Closing date, October 26, 1936.

JUNIOR VETERINARIAN, \$2,000 a year,
Bureau of Animal Industry. Age, under
45. Closing date, October 19, 1936.

ASSOCIATE EXTENSION HOME ECONOMIST
(4-H CLUB WORK), \$3,200, Department of
Agriculture. Age, under 45. Closing
date, October 19, 1936.

ADJUDICATOR, \$2,300, Railroad Re-
tirement Board. Age, under 55. Clos-
ing date, October 12, 1936.

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE IN INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS, \$3,200, Department of State.
Age, under 45. Closing date, October
12, 1936.

LANDSCAPE DESIGNING COURSE

If there is sufficient interest, a
course in Landscape Designing will be
given, beginning October 27, continuing
until February 25, but omitting December
16 to January 5; thirty periods on Tues-
days and Thursdays at 4:50.

The course will cover general prin-
ciples of Landscape Design with special
reference to home surroundings, but in-
cluding its application to other pur-
poses. It will be under the supervision
of Furman Lloyd Mulford. Most of the
subjects will be presented by trained
landscape architects in various branches
of the Government Service. It is ex-
pected that many who gave lectures last
year will repeat them. Among these were
Joseph C. Gardiner, M. Kirkpatrick, John
Paolano, A. H. Hanson, W. H. Simonson,
George B. Gordon, Architect Horace W.
Peaslee, and Mrs. L. Helen Fowler, com-
mercial water lily specialist.

FUEL CLUB

Requests for information concerning
cooperative purchases of fuel should be
addressed in care of the Exchange. No
information will be given by telephone.

***A young lady from New York sent this
to the Bureau of Entomology and Plant
Quarantine:

"Please send me any booklets or lit-
erature you may have regarding the
Dutch elm disease. It has been sug-
gested that perhaps I am suffering from
this disease. I am very anxious to
know its causes and cures."

WELFARE STORE SPECIALS

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LAMB -- PORK
LUNCHES
CIGARETTES
CANDY

NATIONAL SYMPHONY PLANS

Three of the great piano concertos of Ludwig van Beethoven will be presented by noted artists appearing this season as soloists with the National Symphony Orchestra. Hans Kindler, conductor of the Orchestra, announcing plans for the 1936-37 season which opens October 25 in Constitution Hall, said the No. 3, No. 4, and No. 5 Concertos, generally recognized as Beethoven's greatest, have been scheduled for performance.

Ouiomar Novaes, the brilliant Brazilian woman pianist, remembered in the Capital for her notable appearance with the National Symphony two seasons ago, will be soloist in the Fourth Concerto, Dr. Kindler said. She appears with the Orchestra on November 4, an evening concert with which the Symphony opens its midweek series of programs. Always an event long awaited by the Capital's society, this opening concert now becomes one to be eagerly awaited by all music lovers, especially the Beethoven admirers.

The next Beethoven concerto presentation will be made December 13, when Harold Bauer will be at the piano for a performance of the Concerto No. 3. This will be a feature of the all-Beethoven concert Dr. Kindler has already announced. Taking part in the program also will be the combined men's and women's glee clubs of George Washington University, which will support the Orchestra in a performance of Beethoven's Choral Fantasy.

The best known of all the Beethoven concertos, the "Emperor", No. 5, will be brought to the National Symphony audience with Myra Hess, the outstanding British pianist, as soloist. It will be a feature of the concert of January 3.

***With reference to the Civil Service examination for stenographers, given by the Graduate School, it should be remembered that no one may take a non-competitive examination who is not in Civil Service.

WASHINGTON CIVIC THEATER ORGANIZES

Under consideration for several years and after many months of intensive study and preparation, the Washington Civic Theater, with a Broadway Director (Day Tuttle) and a trained Technical Expert (Wm. Girvan)--both graduates of the Yale Drama School and both with enviable records in the theater to their credit.

The first play, Shaw's "Caesar and Cleopatra", is already cast, and opens on October 21 for a four-day run at the newly decorated Wardman Park Theater.

Either the \$8.00 or the \$6.00 seasonal membership entitles the holder to one reserved seat ticket for each of eight major productions, to admission to all workshop plays, and to voting and all other privileges of membership, including the right to hold office and to participate actively in productions -- the only difference in the two prices of membership being in location of seats.

The strip ticket going with each membership entitles the holder to eight reserved seat tickets and is negotiable at any time during the 1936-37 season. The holder may use it for one seat at each of the eight major plays, for eight seats at any one play, or for any other allocation between these two extremes.

The Washington Civic Theater, for and by the people, is the result of the natural development of two of the largest amateur dramatic groups of the city, the Drama Guild and the Columbia Players, and is a joint project by these two amalgamated groups with the Junior Board of Commerce. It is endorsed by District Commissioner Hazen, by other leading citizens, and by the dramatic editors of the city newspapers. An opportunity is here presented for everyone interested in the theater -- either as audience or producer -- to have a bona fide part and a vital interest in this truly civic, dramatic enterprise.

For information, call or see Frederick V. Rand, Secretary of the Board of Governors of the Washington Civic Theater (OUTSIDE OF OFFICE HOURS, O.E.S., room 6528, Ext. 650), or the Business Office of the Theater, Raleigh Hotel, NA-3810, Branch 122.

MOTOR TRAVEL SERVICE

TRANSPORTATION WANTED TO:

Conn. - Middletown, Oct. 16
Ill. - Chicago, Nov. 15
Iowa - Iowa City, Oct. 4-11
Kan. - Topeka, Oct. 31
Maine - Oct. 15-25
Mass. - Boston, Oct. 15-25
Mo. - Kansas City, Oct. 31
N. Y. - New York City, Oct. 9-10;
Nov. 25
N. C. - Raleigh, weekend
Local - Between Department and
16th & U Sts., N.W.
- Between Department and
Hyattsville
- Between Department and
30th & Q Sts., N.W.
- Between Department and
G. W. U. (5:10 class,
Mon. - Wed. - Fri.)

TRANSPORTATION OFFERED TO:

Kan. - Topeka, Oct. 17-24
Mo. - Kansas City, Oct. 17-24
- St. Louis, Oct. 17-24
N. Y. - New York City, Oct. 7; 9
- Albany, Oct. 7
Pa. - Carlisle, weekends
Va. - Hampton, weekends
- Richmond, weekends

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SAILING ENTHUSIASTS AHOY!

It has been proposed to the ARA by
the Saturday Afternoon Beach Club to
purchase half interest in a smart sail-
boat. A few new members are needed to
swing the deal. This opportunity is an
exceptional one, since a few dollars in-
vestment will open a pleasant diversion.
Inexperienced persons will be taught to
sail without any fee. Anyone interested
may write Leigh Hibbard, BPI, for fur-
ther information.

HORSE SHOW OCTOBER 10

The second annual horse show of the
Indian Spring Hunt Club meets at Four
Corners, Maryland, October 10 at 10:30
a.m. Admission is 50 cents. Further
details from Mrs. Roby Stehr.

SPELLING CLUB STARTS AGAIN

The Department Spelling Club has re-
sumed its weekly meetings which are
held in room 6853, South Building,
every Tuesday from 4:35 to 5:15 p.m.
Anyone interested in the study of words
and spelling is welcome.

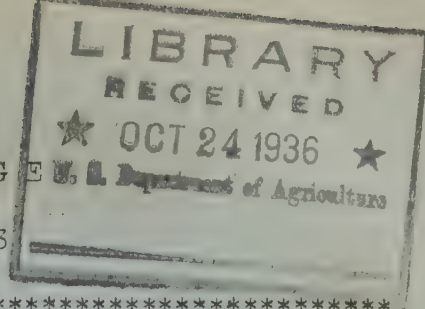
***From Mrs. Helen Winfree, welfare
worker, room 1041, comes the request
for empty fruit jars to help get a
couple started on a farm.

USE THIS FORM WHEN REGISTERING FOR DEPARTMENT OBJECTIVES

NAME
DIVISION.....BUREAU
ROOM BRANCH

I wish to secure _____ copies of the published lectures at a price not to
exceed 50 cents when they are available.

(Return this form to Graduate School, U.S.D.A., Room 4090. ALL REGISTRATIONS
LAST YEAR ARE VOID.)



DR. WARBURTON DELIVERS FIRST LECTURE ON DEPARTMENT OBJECTIVES SECRETARY WALLACE CALLED AWAY WITH PRESIDENT

Before a packed auditorium, Dr. Clyde W. Warburton, Chief of the Extension Service, delivered the first in a series of lectures on Department of Agriculture Objectives last Friday in the South Building. Because Secretary Wallace was called away with the President, a last minute change was necessary. The Secretary will wind up the series.

The Department of Agriculture had its origin in 1838, when Congress appropriated a sum of money for the purpose of gathering Agricultural Statistics through the Patent Office. In 1862 a Department of Agriculture was created under a Commissioner of Agriculture. It was not until 1889 that the Department had a place in the President's cabinet.

Dr. Warburton illustrated just how the Bureau serves the Department as a "conduit" for the spreading of information on agricultural methods to rural America, to the various Land Grant Agricultural Colleges, and through the Agricultural Experiment Stations. The Service does very little independent work in the States, but works through similar and affiliated State organizations. A great part of its work is done through the county agricultural agents.

The 4-H Clubs, of which there are about one million members, whose ages run from 10 to 18, form the pet Bureau project. Many Department employes have witnessed their annual encampments in Washington. The 4-H Clubs operate through the county agents and local voluntary cooperators. Their function is to make better citizens of rural youth and to educate them as to agricultural methods.

Demonstration work, the keystone of the Extension Service, had its origin under Dr. Knapp, first head of the Bureau, who established demonstration farms in Texas.

Now, a motion picture library is maintained, which loans, gratis, films depicting almost every phase of agricultural work, to educational institutions. Many films are sold to institutions and to foreign countries, who in turn loan them out.

NATIONAL SYMPHONY ARTISTS

In a list of 28 soloists to be heard this season with the Philharmonic, the names of Myra Hess, pianist; Ethel Bartlett and Rae Robertson, duo-pianists; Joseph Szigeti, violinist; and Lotte Lehmann, soprano, have prominent places. All of these artists will also be heard with the National Symphony.

Miss Hess, the outstanding British woman pianist, in New York, will play the solo part in Brahms' second concerto in B flat, the work in which she appeared with the National Symphony last winter. She comes to Washington on January 3 to be soloist in the fifth Beethoven concerto, "The Emperor".

Bartlett and Robertson, who have been soloists with the National Symphony on several occasions, play in Washington March 14, at which time they expect to present a new work for two pianos and orchestra. Joseph Szigeti, the renowned Hungarian violinist, will appear on January 21.

Lotte Lehmann, the Metropolitan Opera Company soprano, will be presented in a Wagnerian concert on December 16.

HOMER PRYOR LEAVES ARA PRESIDENCY

Homer E. Pryor has resigned as president of the ARA to head up the audit of the contracts for the State of Ohio under the new Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Program. At an extraordinary meeting held last Tuesday, A. C. Edwards, long associated with Department employe activities, was unanimously elected chairman pro tem until the new election in the early part of next year.

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Mass. - Boston, Oct. 15-25
N. Y. - New York City, Nov. 25
N. C. - Raleigh, weekend
Ore. - Portland, before Nov. 5
Pacific Coast - before Nov. 5
Local - Between Department and
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BRIDGE CLUB WINNERS

Winners of the September 30 Agri-
culture Bridge Club game were Dr. E.
Allen and Miss Dilli. Runners up
were Mrs. A. R. Hodgkins and Mrs.
Roy Hackett.

Games are scheduled for October
14 and 28 at 2400 16th Street, N.W.,
8:00 p.m.

BASKETBALL GETS UNDER WAY

A meeting of all basketball players
wishing to try out for the Agriculture
145 lb. team will be held in room 6736
on Friday, October 16, at 4:45 p.m.,
according to Joe Bertolini, coach. \

The Agriculture Inter-bureau Basket-
ball League is being reorganized. All
teams wishing to enter should have rep-
resentatives at the meeting mentioned.
Six teams played in the league last
year with the Clearance (AAA) team
winning.

LADIES FEDERAL BOWLING LEAGUE

The champion bowlers of last sea-
son, Agriculture #2, are now holding
fourth place. Ceil Whitacre is hold-
ing high average of 105. Captain
Mayne Fleharty rolled out a game of
135 last night, and Wilda Tucker, 114.
AAA team is holding sixth position;
Captain Louise Roberts smacked out a
game of 118. Agriculture #1 team is
in twelfth position, and Captain Mae
Perry also batted out a 118 game.
Resettlement team is in fifteenth
place, with Captain Winifred Criss
holding high average.

CHESS CLUB RESUMES SESSIONS

Following its summer recess, the
Agricultural Chess Club will resume
its weekly sessions, beginning Thurs-
day, October 22, at its former quar-
ters, Room 2349 South Building, ac-
cording to D. S. Burch, president of
the club. All chess players, including
beginners, are cordially invited to
participate in the activities of this
organization. The officers have
planned various forms of competition,
including not only games among members
but also contests with other chess
groups of the Metropolitan area. As-
sistance will be given to novices in
improving their skill in this fascinat-
ing game. Please bring board and men.

ENGLISH COURSE BEING DISTRIBUTED IN DEPARTMENT BY WELFARE ASSOCIATION
TREMENDOUS DEMAND NECESSITATED WIRING FOR MORE COPIES

On October 14, the greater part of 7,000 circulars advertising a course in Practical English and Effective Speech were distributed throughout the Department. By the early afternoon of the 15th, the entire 200 sets of the course were sold and the demand continued. So great is the demand for the course that the Welfare Association has wired for a rush shipment.

The course comprises fifteen 32-page lessons, teaching: Vocabulary Development, Grammar and Punctuation, Pronunciation and Spelling, Enunciation and Speech Refinements, and Principles of Effective Expression. The regular price of the course, including Consultation Service for one year, is \$7.50. Through a special arrangement, employees of the Department may purchase the course complete for \$1.85.

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LANDSCAPE DESIGN COURSE

LANDSCAPE DESIGNING (One semester, beginning October 27 and continuing until March 2, omitting December 16 to January 7; thirty periods on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:50 p.m. Room 223 East Wing, Administration Building.) The course will cover general principles of Landscape Design with special reference to home surroundings, but including in general its application to other purposes. This includes the basic design including location of buildings, drives and utility features; also the location and character of plant groups. In addition there will be discussion of the specific plants to meet the different needs, not only in Washington, but in different parts of the country. Some special features will be discussed by specialists.

The course will be under the supervision of Furman Lloyd Mulford. Most of the subjects will be presented by trained landscape architects in various branches of the Government service.

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DR. BLACK TO DELIVER
OBJECTIVES LECTURE

Friday, October 23, the Auditorium,
Dr. Albert G. Black, Chief, BAE:

Economic Objectives, the place of the Department in the American economic system, and the ideals toward which it is working.

For quite some time, employees in some of the offices have been using this course regularly, and its immense popularity is the reason for its present sale. The Welfare Store should have in a new supply very shortly. Meanwhile, samples may be examined there or at the Cafeteria.

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EXCURSION TO NEW YORK OCTOBER 31

For the benefit of those employees who wish to go home for the coming elections, and also spend Halloween in New York, a special round trip rate of \$7.50 has been obtained. Leaving at 1:30 on Saturday, October 31, tickets will be good on any train returning within ten days. Tickets will be on sale at the Pennsylvania Railroad Ticket office, second floor, from 5:30 to 7:30, Friday, October 30.

Plans are being made for excursions to Philadelphia, New York, and Boston for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year. A special all expense trip will be made to Boston for Thanksgiving.

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***Mrs. Helen Winfree, Welfare Worker, Room 1041, is looking for a man or a married couple who would like a home on a Virginia farm as helpers.

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Mo. - Kansas City, Oct. 17-24, 31
N. Y. - New York City, Oct. 31,
Nov. 25, 29
N. C. - Raleigh, weekends
Ore. - Portland, before Nov. 5
Pa. - Philadelphia, weekends
Pacific Coast - Before Nov. 5
Local - Between Department and
30th & Q, N.W.
- Between Dept. & Hyattsville
- Between Beltsville Exp. Sta-
tion & 14th & Park Road, NW

TRANSPORTATION OFFERED TO:

Kan. - Topeka, Oct. 17-24
Mo. - St. Louis, Oct. 17-24
Pa. - Carlisle, weekends
- Gettysburg, Nov. 3
- Harrisburg, Nov. 3
Va. - Hampton, weekends
- Richmond, weekends
Local - 16th & U - Hyattsville

Send request to Motor Travel
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Building.

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LADY'S GENEROSITY TO NEEDY

Sickroom supplies, back rest, com-
mode, rubber sheet, and other necessi-
ties, may be borrowed by writing Mrs.
Agnes Chase, 5403 41st Street or call-
ing after 7 p.m., or phoning Cleveland
5209. Do not phone at the office.

MONUMENT CHANGES SCHEDULE

Beginning November 1, the Washington
Monument will be open until 4:30 p.m.,
discarding the summer schedule, when it
was open evenings until 10 p.m. For
the last month or two it has been open
Saturday and Sunday evenings, and will
continue until November 1, with the ex-
ception of October 31, because of
Halloween. The last elevator goes up
at 10:30 p.m.

NEW CREDIT UNION HOURS

Beginning October 26, 1936, the
business hours of the Agricultural Em-
ployes Credit Union will be from 11
a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4
p.m., except Saturdays and pay days,
and the day following pay day. On Sat-
urdays the hours will be from 11 a.m.
to 1 p.m. On pay days and the day imme-
diately following, the hours will be
from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m.
to 4 p.m., except for Saturdays.

By order of the Board of Directors.

ARA BRIDGE CLUB

The second game of the ARA bridge
season will be held Saturday, October
24, at 1603 K Street, N.W. You are in-
vited to bring a partner.

Employees interested in Contract
Bridge instruction should contact Mrs.
Ethel E. Terry, Room 112, Administra-
tion Building.

HALLOWEEN DANCE PLANNED

At a meeting of the ARA dance com-
mittee, to be held in Room 3841 on Tues-
day, October 20, at 4:40 p.m., plans
will be made for the proposed dance to
be held in the patio of the Administra-
tion Building on Friday, October 30.

According to Joseph Bertolini, Chair-
man, costumes and formal dress will be
optional. As usual, a nominal charge
of 25 cents will be made.

***Several new courses are being pre-
pared by the Graduate School and will
be announced shortly.

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ARA SPONSORS GALA HALLOWEEN DANCE AND MASQUERADE AT POPULAR LOW ADMISSION CHARGE

Oil up those joints, get out those costumes, and trot out your best gal, for the ARA is providing the means for one jolly time on the night before Halloween. Come dressed as you like, but we advise costumes if possible, for a prize is to be awarded for the best one. Practice up on those dance steps, so that you may stand a chance in the dance contest. A snappy orchestra and an amplifying system will provide the rhythm. We don't know how many gallons of cider were ordered, but there will be plenty for all, at no additional charge, and, of course,

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NEW BATCH OF ENGLISH BOOKS ARRIVE

We were advised of the arrival of a fresh batch of the course, Practical English and Effective Speech, now being sold in the Department, to meet the tremendous demand for it. Immediately upon their receipt, they too were snapped up. Four hundred more are being rushed.

The course comprises fifteen booklets, each 32 pages, teaching the following: Vocabulary Development, Grammar and Punctuation, Pronunciation and Spelling, Enunciation and Speech Refinements, and Principles of Effective Expression, a total of 480 pages. With the purchase of a course, a Department employe is entitled to one year's free consultation. Agriculture employes may obtain a set through the Welfare Store. Samples may be inspected there or at the cafeteria.

Present indications are that the supply will not last very long.

The Better Speech Institute sponsors a radio program every Sunday at 3 over the NEC network.

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FUEL SAVINGS AVAILABLE

Savings on coal of from 8 to 15% may be secured by applying to Gordon Webner, newly appointed secretary of the Fuel Club, 4450 Reservoir Road, N.W., enclosing return postage. Cash must be paid in advance for all orders.

All requests for information will be answered as soon as possible and orders may be placed any time during the day.

there will be doughnuts and other refreshments. Miss Viola S. Schantz, John Mansuy, Mrs. Louise Fillius, and Archie Edwards will comprise the contest committee.

Dancing will be from 9 to 12. Paul Jones addicts are assured of their favorite socializer. Admission is but 35¢ and includes refreshments.

Miss Gertrude Rest is in charge of refreshments. Others assisting in that capacity are Leigh Hibbard and Ruth Donovan. Mrs. Roby Stehr, with the cooperation of Miss Viola Schantz and Miss Rest, will arrange the decorations. Randall Oden will be in charge of the cloak room, Yank Robbins will supervise ticket selling, while a general committee will be composed of Joseph Bertolini, Mrs. Elsie Romero, and Jos. D. Cooper.

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NEW YORK EXCURSIONS OCTOBER 31

Tickets for a ten day, round trip excursion to New York City, leaving at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, October 31, will be available at the Pennsylvania Railroad, second floor, 614 14th St., N.W., from 5:30 to 7:30 on Friday, October 30.

Passengers may return on any train within ten days. This trip has been arranged especially for those people wishing to go to New York for Election Day.

Under consideration is a proposed all expense tour to historic Boston, Massachusetts, for the Thanksgiving holiday. This is an ideal time to visit the home state of the holiday. Other trips then will include Philadelphia, Newark, and New York City.

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U.S. CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

Closing date November 2:
ASSISTANT ACTUARIAL MATHEMATICIAN,
\$2,600, JUNIOR ACTUARIAL MATHEMATICIAN,
\$2,000, Railroad Retirement Board, and
Social Security Board. Age: Under 40
for the assistant grade; and under 35
for the junior grade.
CEREAL TECHNOLOGIST, \$3,800, ASSOCIATE
PATHOLOGIST (FORAGE CROPS), \$3,200,
Bureau of Plant Industry. Age: Under
53 for cereal technologist; and under
45 for associate pathologist.
PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIAL TOXICOLOGIST
(HEAVY METALS), \$5,600, Public Health
Service, Age, under 53.
SENIOR MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (BONE PATH-
OLOGY), \$2,000, Children's Bureau,
Department of Labor. Age, under 53.

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MR.. EISENHOWER TO LECTURE ON
DEPARTMENT OBJECTIVES

Friday, October 30, the Auditorium,
Mr. Milton S. Eisenhower, Director,
Office of Information.
The Organization of the Department -
as a means of carrying out objectives.
How and why its form of organization
is adopted to its purpose.

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WELFARE STORE SPECIALS

English Courses

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Lamb : Pork

Candy Cigarettes Lunches

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE THEME OF
JOHN B. MILLER'S LECTURE

Entirely free, with not even an ad-
mission card required will be the lec-
ture to be given by the well known
writer and lecturer on Vocational Edu-
cation and Guidance, John B. Miller,
on November 17, in the Auditorium.

The initial lecture is being offered
free as an introduction to a series of
twelve. Upon the reception it receives
and the number of enrollments it pro-
vokes, will the organization of the
course depend.

Receiving the endorsement of numer-
ous educational bodies, the course
promises to be a regular feature, of
the school, if successful.

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LIBRARY TO BE OPEN LATE

By special arrangement, the Graduate
School has made available to its stu-
dents the facilities of the Department
of Agriculture Library, on Wednesdays,
Fridays, and Saturdays, from 7 to 9 p.m.
during the school year. Only those per-
sons holding registration cards, or
Graduate School Building passes will be
permitted this added service. This will
be a permanent policy. The school
offers this additional facility without
charging any additional library fee,
common to most similar institutions,
because of the extra labor involved.

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RIDING CLUB NOTES

Membership in the Riding Club now num-
bers 124. Dues are 50¢ a year, half of
which goes to the ARA for yearly member-
ship. The club plans many rides at the
stables listed, where reduced rates are
in effect.

Our Riding School, New Hampshire Ave.
and G Sts., NW. Special hours for the
group are 6:30 p.m. Fridays and 8:00
a.m. Sundays.

Yorkshire Stable, 2521 H St., NW,
West 2966. 5:30 p.m. Thursday, and
2:30 p.m. Saturday. Special parties
may be arranged thru Mrs. Stehr, br.523.

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- Philadelphia, weekends
- Pittsburgh, Oct. 31
- Local - Dept. - Dupont Circle
- Dept. - 30th & Q, N.W.
- Dept. - Hyattsville

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- Pa. - Harrisburg, Nov. 3
- Gettysburg, Nov. 3
- Philadelphia, Oct. 31

Send request to Motor Travel Bureau, c/o the Exchange, giving name, bureau, room number, phone, and home phone.
Do not telephone.

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GAY NINETIES PROGRAM BY CHORUS

The Agricultural Chorus will present its first program of the fall season, "The Gay Nineties", in the Agriculture Auditorium on Thursday evening, November 12, at 8:30 p.m.

The chorus is directed by Robert F. Freund.

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FREUND LEAVES DEPARTMENT, TO CONTINUE CHORUS LEADERSHIP

We met Robert Frederick Freund last week and were surprised to hear of his resignation from the Department to devote his entire time to music. Mr. Freund is not lost to Agriculture's music lovers, for he will continue to direct the wonderful work of the chorus.

Closest to his heart is the desire to see the Department obtain an organ which may be used in the Auditorium, in the Cafeteria, or in the Patio, as the occasion demands.

FARM CREDIT PLANS TRIP

We are advised by the Farm Credit Administration of an all expense tour to New York City for the weekend beginning October 30 and ending November 1. The cost of \$13.35 includes round trip rail passage, two nights lodging, and four meals. A similar tour, costing \$10.35, omits one night's lodging and allows two meals. Further information may be obtained from Mrs. Lucille McMurtry, Room 338, Farm Credit Building.

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SYMPHONY TICKETS AT DISCOUNT

Department of Agriculture employees may obtain season tickets for the winter series of the National Symphony Orchestra at a 10% discount by applying to Helen Winfree at room 1041 South Building.

Interested persons are advised to leave their names with Mrs. Winfree as soon as possible.

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BRIDGE HONORS

Winners of the Agricultural Bridge Club's game October 14 were (North-South) Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Rowe, and (East-West) Mr. A. C. Martin and Mr. R. S. Chisholm. Runners up were (North-South) Dr. and Mrs. C. C. McDonnell and (East-West) Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Belt, reports Thelma F. Lee, Secretary.

Next game will be held October 28, 2400 16th St., N.W., 8:00 p.m. All members of the Department are welcome to come and bring a partner.

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LEGION POST STARTS NEW YEAR

This being the beginning of a new year for the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Post No. 36 of the American Legion, Fred M. Grant, Commander, calls attention to the fact that all dues paid now will carry over thru the full year of 1937.

Post No. 36 urges all non-Legion members to flock to the standard and asks members of other posts to transfer to this one, composed of fellow employees.

DEPARTMENT HISTORY OUTLINED BY BALL

On October 16, Dr. Carleton R. Ball, Executive Secretary of the Coordinating Committee of the Department, the T.V.A., and the Land-Grant Colleges, gave the second lecture in the series on Departmental Objectives, under the title, "History of the Department and Development of its Objectives".

He pointed out, first, that greater agricultural progress had been made in the 75 years from 1785 to 1860 than in all previous history. The invention of seeding, harvesting, and threshing machinery changed farming from hand labor to machine and animal labor. The accompanying shift from wooden to iron and steel tillage implements made good farming possible. Agricultural education kept pace with invention. From 1785 on, there developed, successively, agricultural societies, clubs, fairs, journals, schools, libraries, State Departments, and colleges. Recommendations for some kind of a national agricultural body were made in increasing volume throughout the period by individuals, societies, and Govt. officials.

The Department was created in 1862 by Congress, with the statutory objectives "to acquire and to diffuse among the people of the United States useful information on subjects connected with agriculture in the most general and comprehensive sense of that word". The history of the Department and of the development of its objectives may be divided into four periods. These periods, with each successive new objective, accompanying function, structural trend, and personal outlook, are presented in the table below. Each of these elements in any given period, of course, was continued with increasing intensity in each succeeding period.

Period of Years	Major New	Principal	Structural	Personnel
No.:Duration:Total:	Objective	New Function	Trend	Outlook
1. 1862-1887 25	Improvement	Investigation	Development	Individual
2. 1888-1912 25	Protection	Regulation	Organization	Bureau
3. 1913-1932 20	Education	Extension	Coordination	Departmental
4. 1933-1962 30	Stabilization	Planning	Cooperation	National

In scope of objective, Improvement covered crops, livestock methods, equipment, and structure; Protection covered these and also the protection of the producer and consumer from unfair trade practices; Education was extended to adult and juvenile alike in rural areas and to urban consumers; while Stabilization affects the entire physical, social, and economic structure of agriculture.

BUILDING PROGRAM NEARS COMPLETION

The extensive building program, completing the South Building, known officially as the Extensible Building, is near its finish. Two bridges have been constructed connecting the Administration Building with the South. The one on 14th Street is known as the Wilson Memorial Arch, commemorating James Wilson, former Secretary of Agriculture from 1897 to 1913, while the Knapp Memorial Arch on 12th Street is in memory of Seaman A. Knapp, to whom credit must be given for inaugurating the Extension Service of the Department of Agriculture.

Work is being done on an underground passage connecting the South Building with the Administration Building.

The finishing touches are being put on the second and third wings and should be ready for occupancy very soon. This will allow some of the scattered units of the Department to find a haven at home. Even so, it would require a complete new edifice to house all Agriculture units.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics building is being constructed below the South Building. This will provide space for the processing of cotton.

Independence Avenue is being widened, and the cobble stones and old car tracks have been removed.

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***Announcement will be made shortly concerning the organization of a course in Architectural and Mechanical Drawing to be offered by the Graduate School. The course will probably be offered in late November or early December. Watch the Exchange for further particulars.

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A HALLOWEEN DANCE will be held in the patio of the Administration Bldg., Friday, October 30, from 9 PM to 12 M.

Costumes are optional. There will be prizes for the best costume and also for dancing. Many persons will use costumes they have rented for use on Saturday.

The A.R.A. is making every effort to make this a wonderful evening of entertainment. You need not fear that you will not get plenty of dances if you come as a single.

Tickets at 35¢ which include refreshments will be sold at the door to defray expenses. Everyone is invited.

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The annual Yellow Dog Banquet and Gridiron for men will be held in the auditorium Friday, October 30, at 6 PM. Tickets are 75¢.

This means of notifying employees is taken since many members have not learned of the event in time to attend in former years.

The Yellow Dogs are a nationwide organization of people connected with agriculture but particularly those persons who are employed by the State and Federal governments. This affair is held annually in connection with Outlook. Now is the time to join the Yellow Dogs. Initiation fee is 25¢.

Tickets may be secured from Dr. H. A. Lepper, (F&D), Dr. E. W. McComas (BAI), Wilbur Youngman, A. C. Edwards, Gustave Burmeister and others in BAE and Porter Taylor (AAA) or at the door.

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DR. ALBERT G. BLACK ON ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The place of the Department in the American economic system and the ideals toward which it is working was the title of the lecture given by Dr. Albert G. Black, Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, in the Agriculture Auditorium on October 23, as one of the series on "Department Objectives".

Dr. Black spoke on the leadership that the Department assumes in the agricultural system--a leadership inspired and directed by the Congress and the people. At the turn of the century, the Department concerned itself chiefly with physical improvements, better methods, and greater production. The high cost of living from 1910 to 1914, the greater competition for the farmer in the world markets, brought up scores of economic problems: farm credit, markets and marketing methods, prices, income, standards. About this time, Secretary David F. Houston came to the Department and established an economic service there. He believed in looking at Agriculture from a social and economic viewpoint.

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The World War diverted much of this. It did bring the land bank and federal cotton standards. A post-war collapse sent agriculture into a slump that widened the disparity between agricultural income and industrial income. The farmer was paying out more than he got. Demand for farm products fell. Cut-throat competition set in. The development of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics was stimulated by the farmers themselves. Although most all of the Department's work has been stimulated by outside forces, it has done a great deal in economic fact-finding and research. "In the language of the philosopher, it has contributed to the establishment of a frame of reference."

Agricultural planning is coming to be a fact -- especially from the social viewpoint. The Department seeks to contribute to economic balance - to smooth over the spots where agriculture is faltering during periods of stress. The trend is more and more away from automatic adjustment of problems.

Ideals toward which the Department is working include reduction in cost through new methods and discoveries; grading and standardizing products for the protection of distributor and consumer; stamping out of unfair trade practices; market news reporting, and crop and livestock estimating; the husbanding and conserving of natural resources; and the improving and stabilizing of farm income and national income.

THANKSGIVING TRIPS PLANNED

In response to numerous requests received, it is announced that plans are being made for several excursions and tours to Boston and New York for the coming Thanksgiving holiday. The proposed Boston trip will cost \$15.55 for the transportation alone. Including a stay at a fashionable hotel for three full days and two nights, a sightseeing bus trip to Lexington - Concord, and dinner on the train going, this tour will cost \$23.75 -- European plan. Massachusetts is the birthplace of Thanksgiving, and historic Boston is an ideal place to spend this holiday. If sufficient interest is not shown, plans will be canceled. If interested, write the Editor, advising whether you want just the straight transportation or the tour.

In addition, there will be low round-trip rates of \$4.50 to Philadelphia and \$7.50 to New York City. If sufficient demand is made, a special low rate tour to New York not to exceed fourteen or fifteen dollars will be arranged.

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DR. TOLLEY TO LECTURE

Friday, November 6 -- The Auditorium, Dr. H. R. Tolley, A.A.A. Administrator: "The Future of the Soil Conservation Program".

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A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Cooper:

I want to thank you for the very fine cooperation which the Exchange has given to the Graduate School. It has been most helpful to those desiring information about the School, and I am sure it must be equally as helpful in spreading desirable information among the employees of this Department.

You may always count upon our active cooperation. I feel sure that others interested in the Department welfare will do everything possible to aid you in your work.

A. F. Woods
Director, Graduate School

AND THE REPLY

Dear Mr. Woods:

It serves to warm our heart when we receive such a letter as yours. There are too many letters that we receive of a slightly different tenor. Most common is the complaint lodged against us because of poor circulation. "I always get my copy a week late", or "I sometimes don't get my copy for months", are common types of complaints. These readers deserve to receive the Exchange. If for any reason they do not, it is not our fault; it is the fault of the petty supervisor, classified by the Secretary's office as Department Enemy No. 1. He it is who arbitrarily takes the law into his hands and instead of distributing our efforts, looks for the nearest basket. We ask employees who do not receive the Exchange to let us know the section and bureau where they are employed, so that we may see that they do receive this paper. That is a type of cooperation anyone can give.

Joseph D. Cooper

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE COURSE CANCELED

The lecture by John B. Miller on Vocational Guidance, scheduled for November 17, has been definitely canceled, we are advised by the Graduate School.

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VACANCIES IN LANDSCAPING CLASS

Registrations are still being accepted for the class in Landscape Designing given by the Graduate School. The course is noteworthy because of its distinguished staff of instructors.

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NEW SPEED STENOGRAPHY CLASS
ANNOUNCED

Stenographers writing 130 words per minute will be interested in the new speed class organized by the Graduate School. The aim of the instructor is to reach a speed of 175 words per minute.

The Gregg System offers a jewel studded fountain pen to any person who can reach 175 words per minute. Last year, only 12 persons in the United States won the award. A certificate is awarded to those doing 100 words, a bronze medal for 120, silver medal for 140, gold medal for 160, and the fountain pen for 175. Last year several Graduate School students reached 160.

The class will meet every Tuesday and Thursday in Room 0051.

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***It has often been observed that the Biological Survey, for a small bureau, has the biggest percentage of attractive young ladies of all the other offices in the Department of Agriculture. It even outdoes the famed Division of Appointments in the Administration Bldg.

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***Mrs. Helen Winfree, Department Welfare Worker, Room 1041 South Building, puts in a request for a winter coat for a girl, size 16.

CHORUS ANNOUNCES GAY 90'S PROGRAM

Have you ever spent a mirthful half-hour looking through the family album? All the furbelows, the wasp-waisted ladies, the handle-bar mustaches, and the high collars you saw there will be on view with music at the Auditorium in the South Building Thursday, November 12 at 8:30 p.m., when Robert Frederick Freund will direct the Agricultural chorus in a Gay 90's Program. Just to hear Victor Neal's a la Bowery accompaniments on the piano will make a trip to the auditorium worth while.

Inasmuch as the chorus is not being sponsored by patrons this year, a silver collection will be taken. Admission tickets are not required.

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ERRATUM - DEPARTMENT LIBRARY

Until further notice, the reading room of the Department Library (Room 1052) is to be kept open in the evening on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, from 7 to 9, for the benefit of members of the Graduate School, instead of Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, as announced last week. Only those persons holding registration cards or Graduate School building passes will be entitled to the privilege of using the Library during these hours, and only books included on lists sent in by instructors will be available. These books are to be used in the Library and may not be taken out. By special arrangement, the school offers this additional facility without charging any library fee such as is common in many institutions.

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ARA BRIDGE CLUB

Winners of duplicate game Oct. 24 were: North & South - Miss Lynch and Mr. DuBose; East & West - Miss Dougherty and Miss Brisson. The next game will be Saturday, Nov. 7, at 1603 K St., N. W. Come and bring a partner.

If interested in entering the class of instruction for contract, send your name immediately to Ethel E. Terry, Room 112, Administration Building, so that plans may be completed.

MOTOR TRAVEL BUREAU

Make Your Reservations for Thanksgiving Now!

TRANSPORTATION WANTED TO:

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Pa. - Philadelphia, weekends
- Pittsburgh, weekends
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Dept. & Hyattsville
Dept. & 30th & Q, N.W.

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Ind. - Crown Point, Nov. 25
Va. - Hampton, weekends
- Richmond, weekends
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Send request to Motor Travel Bureau, c/o the Exchange, giving name, bureau, room number, phone, and home phone. Do not telephone.

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ORCHESTRA TO PLAY NOVEMBER 17

The Department of Agriculture Orchestra will give its next concert on Tuesday, November 17, 8:30 p. m., in the FEDERAL AUDITORIUM, Labor Building.

The concert will feature a recital by Glen Carow, Washington pianist whose playing was acclaimed by all Washington when he played for Fritz Kreisler's waiting audience at last week's concert.

Mendelssohn's piano Concerto No. 1 will be featured. The Agriculture Auditorium stage is not large enough to accommodate the orchestra and the concert grand piano.

ARA MEMBERSHIP BRINGS DISCOUNTS

Members of the ARA are eligible to join a cooperative buying service, permitting discounts on a great number of items. With Christmas around the corner, many will want to share in discounts such as the following:

Automobiles--12-17 $\frac{1}{2}$ %
Automobile Batteries--22%
Automobile Heaters--20-30%
Automobile Insurance--20%
Automobile Radios--25%
Automobile Tires--15-20%
Diamonds--45%
Electric Appliances--20-25%
Engraving--10% (Christmas Cards)
Fuel Oil--1/2 cent gallon
Jewelry--20-45%
Luggage--40%
Mattresses--20-40%
Oil Burners--10-20%
Radios--25-30%
Rugs--10-40%
Silverware--18-25%
Watches--25-30%
Furniture--30-50%
Coal--75 cents ton
Radiator Anti-Freeze Solutions at
Bargain Prices

For further information, write to Mrs. Elsie Romero, BAE, room 3531, and she will send literature and applications.

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1,000 ENGLISH COURSES SOLD

By this time, approximately 1,000 employees of the Department of Agriculture will have in their possession sets of the English course now being sold through the Welfare Store. The apparent success of this non-profit venture is indicative of the high type of personnel in this Department. No coercive methods, no high-pressure salesmanship was used, yet the insistent demand is still evident.

The Welfare Store has asked us to note that it does not deliver these books. Only over-the-counter sales are made.

COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE OPENS SOON

The Community Chest drive in the Department of Agriculture will begin on November 16 and last to the 21, it has been tentatively announced.

A playlet will be given in the auditorium on Monday afternoon to start the drive.

Donors living in the outlying communities may contribute to their own relief chest as well as the D. C. fund, since the donations to the community funds will not apply to the Department quota.

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BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the men's and women's basketball teams will be held the first week in November.

Joseph Bertolini, who is coaching the girl's team, will meet candidates at the McFarland Junior High School on Tuesday, November 3, at 7 p.m.

The men's 145 pound team will be coached by "Preacher" Adkins, and will hold its first practice at the Roosevelt High School on Thursday, November 5, at 8:30 p.m.

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CALIFORNIA ALUMNI TO HEAR GAME

Berkeley and U.C.L.A. alumni are invited to attend the annual Big Game meeting with the Stanford Alumni Club at the Raquet Club on Saturday, November 21. Buffet supper will be served and a play-by-play report of the game will be heard.

Reservations may be obtained from W. H. Redit, 5315 - 16th Street, N.W., or call Georgia 1320. He also may be contacted at Room 1238 South Building.

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MORE FUEL DISCOUNTS

Secretary Gordon Webner of the Fuel Club announces that he has been able to place coal orders for a few employees at attractive prices. He may be reached by calling Cleveland 1272.

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COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE OPENS

PLAY TO BE PRESENTED IN AUDITORIUM ON 16TH AND 17TH

The annual Community Chest drive opens on November 16 and closes on the 21st. A play, directed by Kenneth Gapen, with musical accompaniment, will be presented in the Auditorium and employees will be given an opportunity to witness it according to the schedule following:

Monday, November 16

- 1:30 p.m. - AAA; Library
- 2:30 p.m. - AAA; Public Roads; Entomology & Plant Quarantine
- 3:30 p.m. - Agricultural Engineering; Animal Industry

Tuesday, November 17

- 9:00 a.m. - Office of Information; Chemistry & Soils
- 10:00 a.m. - Dairy Industry; Biological Survey; Commodity Exchange
- 11:00 a.m. - Plant Industry; Home Economics; Office of Experiment Stations
- 1:30 p.m. - Agricultural Economics; Forest Service
- 2:30 p.m. - Agricultural Economics; Food & Drug Administration
- 3:30 p.m. - Office of the Secretary; Extension Service

Players include Joseph Klein, Walter Reser, Viola Randolph, Althea Holman, and Stephen De Marco. Musicians are: Violins - Jack Levenson, AAA; J. Rowland Snyder, B.A.Eng.; Miss Geraldine Thompson, BPI; Viola - Roger P. Matteson, BAE; Cello - Leslie Atkins, RA; Piano - Miss Eileen Crisman, OES; Flute - Rudolph Hellbach, C & S; Clarinet - George H. Day, BAE; Trumpet - Miss Helen Prevas, BHE; Trombone - R. A. Buck, Library.

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GAY NINETIES PROGRAM NOV. 12

If you think the costumes of the "Horse & Buggy" days were funny, imagine how much funnier it would be to see your boss or your stenographer or a dignified scientist making whoopee in clothes of that era. All of which is a tip that you shouldn't miss hearing the Chorus in its Gay Nineties program Thursday, November 12, at 8:30 p.m.

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ORCHESTRA PLAYS NOVEMBER 17

The next free concert of the Agricultural Orchestra will take place on Tuesday, November 17, at 8:30 p.m. in the Federal Auditorium, Labor Building.

The soloist of the evening, Glenn Carow, young Washington pianist, will play Mendelssohn's Piano Concerto in G Minor with the accompaniment of the Orchestra.

The rest of the program will include: Schubert's Unfinished Symphony, the March from the Algerian Suite by Saint-Saens, the Intermezzo from the opera, "Goyescas", by Granados, the Dance of the Nymphs and Satyrs by Schumann, the Pavane by Ravel, and the Sakuntala Overture by Goldmark.

Dr. Walter Bauer will conduct.

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FUEL CLUB BENEFICIAL

Fuel Club requests still reach the Exchange. Complete information on how to make savings can be secured through the secretary of the club, Gordon Webner, CL-1272, 4450 Reservoir Road, N.W.

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HALLOWEEN DANCE A SUCCESS

The Halloween Dance given by the ARA on October 30 proved a huge success. Four hundred patrons drank over twenty gallons of cider and fifteen gallons of coffee, ate twenty dozen doughnuts and several dozen cookies, in addition to enjoying a full evening of dancing. And finally, it paid its way financially.

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NO COMMENT NECESSARY

In the Administration Building stands an "honor system" news rack. It carries no papers. Instead there is a note signed "The Paper Boy", lamenting the dishonesty of employes and lauding the integrity and self-respect of a few. No more papers will appear there, for in six weeks a total of \$31.42 has not been accounted for, this sum being 82% of the money necessary to pay for the stock in trade. Across the street in the South Building another note tells a similar story. Here the loss was less--only \$17.50 for a like period, representing 70% of the cost of papers for that rack. Thoroughly disheartened, with diminished confidence in our fellows, we walked on, not caring to look for other such indictments.

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EXAMINATIONS FOR THE
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TRAINING SUPERVISOR, \$3800: ASSOCIATE
TRAINING SUPERVISOR, \$3200. Age, under
53 years. Closing date, November 23.

DIORAMA MODELER, \$2000; DIORAMA SCULP-
TOR, \$2600; DIORAMA ARTIST, \$2600;
DIORAMA MODELER (MECHANICAL AND ELECTRI-
CAL DEVICES) \$2600. Age, under 53 years.
Closing date, November 23.

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***People interested in securing copies
of the picture taken at the Halloween
Dance given by the ARA on October
30 may contact Irving Iserson, Room 306
Old Post Office Building, Ext. 2585.

MOTOR TRAVEL BUREAU

Make Reservations Now For Thanksgiving

TRANSPORTATION WANTED TO:

Ill. - Chicago, Nov. 15, 25
Kan. - Wichita, Nov. 15-23
Mass. - Boston, Nov. 24
Mich. - Detroit, Nov. 25
N. Y. - New York City, Nov. 20, 25, 26
Ohio - Columbus, Nov. 26
Pa. - Philadelphia, weekends; Nov. 14
Tenn. - Bristol, Nov. 28
- Knoxville, Nov. 28
- Nashville, Nov. 28
Local - Dept. & DuPont Circle
Dept. & Hyattsville
Dept. & 14th & Kennedy
Dept. & 30th & Q

TRANSPORTATION OFFERED TO:

Ill. - Chicago, Nov. 21, 25
Ind. - Crown Pt., Nov. 25
Va. - Hampton, weekends
- Richmond, weekends
Local - Dept. & Hyattsville
Dept. & 16th & Park Road

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HIKERS REORGANIZE

Knights of the Fallen Arches will
hold session on Thursday, November 12,
at 4:45 p.m. in Room 4403, when they
will discuss plans for a hike. If un-
able to attend, registration should be
sent to J. Walker, the leader, care of
the Exchange.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, Nov. 12 - Hikers, Room 4403,
4:45; Chorus, "Gay Nineties",
Auditorium, 8:30.

Friday, November 13 - Department Ob-
jectives, Auditorium, 4:45 p.m. -
Dr. W. W. Stockberger, Director of
Personnel, "Personnel Objectives
and how they contribute to Depart-
ment objectives".

Tuesday, Nov. 17 - Orchestra Concert,
8:30, Federal Auditorium, Labor Bldg.

TRIPS PLANNED FOR THANKSGIVING

Trips planned for Thanksgiving include a round trip to Philadelphia for \$4.50; a round trip to New York for \$7.50; and a round trip to Boston for \$15.55. Plans are being made for a five-day trip to New York, including stay at hotel, train fare, and meal on train going up, to cost about \$15.00. A similar trip to Boston from Wednesday through Saturday night would cost \$23.75. If interested, write the editor. Further details will appear soon.

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CALL FOR CREDIT UNION BOOKS

Members of the Agricultural Employees Credit Union are requested to leave pass books with Miss Currin, 1041 South Building, to be checked against the office records.

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BRIDGE WINNERS

Winners of the Agriculture Bridge Club's game October 28 were Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Donovan, and the runners-up were Dr. C. C. MacDonnell and Mr. P. E. Golden.

The Club's next game is scheduled for November 11 at 8:00 p.m., 2400 16th Street, N. W. Admission 50 cents per person; prizes are sterling. Come and have an enjoyable evening. Be sure to bring your partner.

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***Over 100 men attended the Annual Yellow Dog Jamboree which was held in the Auditorium the evening of October 30. About 45 pups were initiated into this ancient and honorable order. Mr. Guy Peterson, AAA, was appointed chairman of a reorganization committee.

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***The Exchange reiterates its request for instances of late or poor circulation, so that we may properly revise our lists. The names of sections and bureaus concerned are requested.

MORE WORKERS FOR SICK CHILDREN

Still more people are needed to make Christmas hospital books if many of the underprivileged children are not to be disappointed this year.

These books, made from picture postcards, Christmas cards, and pretty pictures from Magazines, are distributed to children in such hospitals as Gallinger, Children's Tuberculosis, Children's Hospital, and Freedmen's Hospital. All work is done after hours. Books and materials are always accessible in Room 249-W.

Prizes are awarded in three different classes: Men, Women, and Children; and a Grand Prize is also given. Full instructions are given with the books and material. The contest closes November 20, but books may be finished and brought in to be sent to the children up until December 15.

So get your books and material from Room 249-W today and help make Christmas brighter for some sick child this year.

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THESPIANS PLAN "BLUE GHOST"

The Dramatic Club has begun work on the "Blue Ghost", to be produced in the near future. The club will also present an original play during the Community Chest campaign.

Anyone interested in any phase of dramatic work is urged to come to the regular meetings, on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

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***The ARA offers many activities -- bridge, dancing, swimming, horseback riding, and many others. Join now and receive two extra months of membership, November and December, as the new membership year starts February 1, 1937.

Send to the secretary, J. H. Lyman, AAA Corn-Hog Section, Room 0727 South Building, or the treasurer, Mrs. Elsie Romero, BAE, Room 3531 South Building, for a membership blank.

M. S. EISENHOWER ON ORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT

The organization of the Department of Agriculture as a means of carrying out objectives was clearly explained by Milton S. Eisenhower, Director of Information, on October 30 in the Auditorium, in the fourth of a series of "Department Objectives" lectures.

Mr. Eisenhower confined his discussion to three main branches of the organizational problem - namely to that of research, "action" programs that are the synthesis of research findings", and agricultural policies requiring inter-bureau coordination.

There are 55,000 full-time employees, in certain seasons twice that number, 11,000 of whom are employed in Washington, with the others at 1,481 field locations. They are engaged in seven major activities: Research; Extension and Information; Eradication or Control of Plant and Animal Diseases and Pests; Service activities, such as Weather and Crop Reporting; The administration of Regulatory Laws; Road Construction; and the administration of action programs; all are interdependent and are administered by 23 bureaus and offices.

Among other things, effective administration requires: Centralization of policy coupled with decentralization of operations; smoothly functioning routines in handling manifold tasks with accuracy and speed; a broad social viewpoint in synthesizing various activities to achieve the greatest good; and fourth - the organization must efficiently serve those whom it is set up to serve.

Research is organized on a commodity basis and a functional basis. "Research bureaus and all divisions and subdivisions within are organized so as efficiently and accurately to solve problems. The problem is the focal point of the unit. Related problems are the nucleus of the sections. Sections are grouped administratively into divisions which, again, are organized to solve problems". As long as the problem is the basis of the organization, changes will be made whenever necessary to meet new responsibilities. Scientists must be so located as most effectively to come to grips with the real problems. Therefore, some work in central laboratories; many more at 375 field research stations or locations.

The research organization closely resembles those of the States. State research is coordinated with that of the Department through the Office of Experiment Stations. The Department usually tackles problems of a national or interstate nature; the State, problems more local in character. There is no duplication of effort. The Bankhead-Jones Act provides for regional research laboratories. Interbureau committees serve to coordinate, to bring into focus related work in the different offices. The requirements of good organization are certainly adhered to in research.

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HOWARD R. TOLLEY, AAA ADMINISTRATOR, CASTS LIGHT ON THE SOIL CONSERVATION AND DOMESTIC ALLOTMENT PROGRAM

A bit of the history of the AAA, and an insight into its present workings and objectives was the subject of one of the most informative lectures given thus far in the "Department Objectives" series, by Howard R. Tolley, AAA Administrator, in the auditorium, Friday, November 6.

Dr. Tolley explained a bit of the background of the problem and what led up to the present farm program. In the 1920's there was an unreasonable disparity between the incomes of farmers and the incomes of other groups and the nation, as a whole. Contributing factors were the rise of nationalism and agricultural production abroad; the fact that the United States was changed from a debtor nation to a creditor nation as a result of the War; and the erection of trade barriers.

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COMMUNITY CHEST PLAY A SUCCESS

By Tuesday afternoon, ten audiences will have seen the play, "Strength", produced by the Musical and Dramatic Guild for the Community Chest Drive.

Few persons will be able to resist digging into purses who witness the dramatic performance, the tear impelling scenes. The acting was uniformly good, the audience uniformly attentive.

Preceding the play were several speakers, who smashed home the points necessary to success.

The players were, Joe Klein, Althea Holman, Viola Randolph, Walter Resor, and Stephen Damarco. Exceptionally good acting was done by Klein and Miss Randolph.

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NATIONAL SYMPHONY PROGRAM

Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 4:45 P.M.

Overture, Fidelio.....Beethoven
Grave from Dido and Aeneas.... Purcell
Suite..... Tansmann
(Four Polish Dances)

(Intermission)

Symphony No. 1 in E Minor Sibelius
Andante ma non troppo allegro energico
Andante ma non troppo lento
Scherzo: Allegro
Finale quasi una fantasia

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This country helped things by raising its own tariffs, but in so doing cut off the only means its debtors abroad had of paying what they owed.

Technological advancement, the world wide depression, and the falling off in demand for export products and domestic consumption created huge surpluses. Many weak attempts were made to remedy this. Then came 1933; then came the AAA.

Cotton, wheat, corn, hogs, tobacco, and milk were down to ruinous prices, with tremendous unmarketable surpluses. 1933 saw the beginning of the plowing under of millions of bales of cotton, and the killing and marketing of millions of pigs. In 1934 and 1935 the adjustment program for wheat, cotton, tobacco, corn, and hogs got under way, with reduced production as the goal. Marketing agreements were made with producers of commodities for which there was no adjustment program.

By the end of 1934, all of the surpluses were gone. The AAA then began to consolidate its gains. Conservation and good farming was the theme.

In 1936, the processing tax, tied up with benefit payments, was declared invalid by the Supreme Court, which said that the adjustment of production was a local problem.

Congress then passed the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, under which the AAA now operates. The crops which were curtailed in '33 and '34 were called soil-depleting crops. Farmers are now urged to plant soil-conserving crops, encouraged by federal payments.

See "Tolley", page 3.

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MAILS AND FILES

Under the sponsorship of the Graduate School employees engaged in the maintenance of records and files will hold their group discussion meetings in accordance with the dates given below:

- Nov. 17 - Room 1251 Bureau of Agricultural Engineering, Mr. Elmer Doolan, Group Leader.
- Nov. 24 - Room 6722 AAA Central Files Room, Mr. Moreland, Permanent Records Unit, Group Leader.
- Dec. 1 - Room 4050 Accounting Section Office of Budget, etc., Files, Mrs. Hunneke, Assisted by Mrs. Hannan, Group Leaders.
- Dec. 8 - Room 5918 Cooperative Extension, Mails and Files, Mrs. Heffner, Group Leader.
- Dec. 15 - Administration Building 501, Office of Information Files, Mr. Hollis, Group Leader.

The first meeting of this group was held November 10th with a majority of all Bureaus represented and approximately 60 persons were present. Mr. C. L. Snow of the BAE described the system used and led the discussion.

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ECONOMICS LECTURES READY

The lecture series on "Current Economic Problems" is now available in book form at the office of the Graduate School Room 4090, South Building. Price \$1.00. Get in touch with the Graduate School promptly.

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CIVIC THEATRE PRESENTS -

"Kind Lady", the second play by the Civic Theatre, to be given at the Wardman Park Theater, Nov. 18-21, with Saturday matinee, is as different from "Caesar and Cleopatra" as any play that could be found. It is a new drama adapted by Edward Chodorov from a short story by Hugh Walpole, a tale of agonizing but quiet suspense. The setting and costumes are modern, but it is unlike anything ever seen in the theatre.

An attractive but poorly dressed young man stands on the doorstep of Mary Herries' home on Christmas Eve, and asks for a cup of tea. Mary, the "Kind Lady", befriends him, and when, later, his "wife" faints on the selfsame doorstep, she charitably takes her in.

Presently, Mary finds herself harboring a gang of crooks who take over her home, isolate her from relatives and friends, and gain control over her fortune. Without a scream or the firing of a single shot, the tale is unfolded in telling sequence until---but come and see for yourselves!

The cast includes Lucy Howard, daughter of our own Dr. L. O. Howard - former chief of the Bureau of Entomology - as the "Kind Lady", Richard Kreuzburg, as the young man befriended, supported by Eileen Fowler, Milton Freedman, Sylvia Lane, Herbert Leuchter, Virginia Rand, Alice Tams Ruffner, Irene Schmidt, Edward Stevlingson, Ted Tenly, Phyllis Warner and Arthur Westover.

The play was a hit on Broadway last year, with Grace George in the leading role. This is something which should not be missed. The "flexible" membership cards, good for eight reserved seats at any time and for any play, give you the best money value, but single reserved seat tickets are also available. To get these get in touch with Frederick V. Rand, O.E.S. Br. 650; or the Civic Theatre Office, Raleigh Hotel, District 1600.

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HIKERS: ATTENTION!

Employees unable to attend the next meeting of the Hikers, Thurs. Nov. 19 at 4:45 in Rm. 4403, are requested to drop a line to Mr. J. Walker in care of the Exchange, giving name and bureau.

FULL INFORMATION ON THANKSGIVING TRIPS

In response to the many queries received which were not answered for lack of a complete address, full information is now given about the Thanksgiving trips, sponsored in this Department by the ARA.

New York: Train leaves 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 25th only. Return on any Pennsylvania R.R. train within ten days. Fare is \$7.50. A five day low cost tour, leaving on the above train including hotel accommodations at the Victoria until Sunday evening, and dinner on the train leaving Washington, costs \$15.00.

Philadelphia: Train leaves as above. Round trip is \$4.50.

Boston: Train leaves as above. Round trip is \$15.55. Four features at \$23.75 include dinner going and accommodations at Kenmore, and a bus trip to historic Lexington-Concord. Both New York and Boston Hotels have rooms with bath and radio.

Reservations: For tours and Boston trip, reservations must be made on or before Friday, November 20, with Mrs. Ruby Stehr, Information Desk, Administration Bldg., Br. 523. Other tickets may be obtained through her also.

New York and Philadelphia tickets may be obtained on Monday and Tuesday, November 23 and 24 only, from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. at the Fairway Sporting Goods Store, 1346 G St., NW, from the special representative there at those hours.

These are the only trains leaving. Tickets are good leaving at the hours specified only.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS TO ESQUIRE

James W. Hissey, 4906 First St., NW, offers Agriculture Employees year subscriptions to Esquire at \$3.50. He may be reached at Randolph 9528 after 6 o'clock for information on this and other magazines.

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"Tolley" (Cont'd)

The objective is to get 30,000,000 more acres of such crops, this year.

Payments go to two classes of farmers: those shifting acreage from soil depleting to soil conserving crops, and those practicing soil conservation through fertilizing, putting to grass, etc. Since contracts were invalidated, grants are made to farmers who comply with the Secretary's specifications. Between four and six million such grants are being applied for.

A significant development is the creation of "Agricultural Conservation Associations". All the farmers in a county organize into such a body, which has a board of directors, which in turn chooses a county committee. Each state has a committee. At the present time these groups are engaged in determining a policy for 1937. This is done by meetings held locally, which help formulate county recommendations. Counties recommend to the state committees, which have regional meetings. Out of all this a definite program is crystallized.

By 1938, 48 little AAA's must be set up. The Secretary will make grants to state agencies that submit a plan which he believes will effectuate the policy of the act.

A good measure of the success of the AAA is due to its being a regular part of the Department, from which it may draw information. The Bureau of Agricultural Economics and the Extension Service have been most helpful. Congress has said that it is the duty of the government to make it possible for farmers to use the facts which the Department has made available to them.

An interesting observation made was that the section of the NRA codes that the Court invalidated in the Schechter case was drawn up in this Department.

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YALE ALUMNI TO HEAR GAME

All Yale men are invited to a buffet lunch at the University Club at one o'clock on Saturday, November 21st. A play-by-play report of the Yale-Harvard football game will follow.

M. S. EISENHOWER ON ORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT (Cont'd. from last week)

An excellent example of organization for Action is seen in the Soil Conservation Service. It shows the interdependence of different agricultural activities: Research, education, service and operations. Because of the magnitude of the problem, and for other reasons, a new bureau was created. The Soil Conservation Service was authorized to conduct research directly applicable to erosion and its control. Other fundamental information could be obtained from the various research bureaus. In erosion control the Forest Service was assigned responsibility for national and other forest lands, S.C.S. for farm lands; control on grazing land was handled cooperatively with the Interior Department. In the field, 150 demonstration projects are under way. 450 CCC camps do erosion-control work. Federal and State officials cooperate in both the research and operation phases of the program. About 400 local voluntary associations and farmers cooperate. After July 1, 1937, new work will be undertaken only through legally-constituted associations.

Certain programs, such as land-use activities, require interbureau coordination. A central office, under the Secretary, must correlate the efforts of different agencies, allocate funds, decide policies, and represent the Department before Congress and other bodies. Existing agencies will continue to carry forward the necessary research and operations, but coordination looms more and more important because the Department will have many action programs in the future.

Regionalization is essential to many programs. Many bureaus now have regional offices. Officials in the field should act together and jointly make recommendations to Washington whenever new problems affect the work of different agencies. Regionalization does not mean a usurpation of State work. It is, rather, a decentralization of Federal work.

An alternative method of organization suggested by many is by commodities only. This would serve to create organization difficulties. Some believe that consolidation of regulatory work is desirable. But regulation is dependent on research and should not be separated from its source.

The Department of today is not the organization of ten or fifteen years ago. Changes are continually being made. Consolidation, organization of new offices, elimination and reorganization are always under way. That is the only sound method. The Department is not perfect, but is admired by students of government universally.

GIRL BASKET BALL PLAYERS TO REPORT

The following girls are requested to report to Joseph Bartolini, AAA, for the Agriculture Girls' Basketball Team. Rebecca Blackman, Hylma Mays, Marge Watson Charlotte Wade, Charlotte Reidell, Betty Albright, Francis Winter, Sadie Curtin, Catherine Shea, Jane Joubert, Bertie Pusey Jeannie Downs, Helen Jackson, Lucyle Patterson and Melva Graney. Other candidates wishing to try out for the team are welcome.

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Mrs. Elsie Romero, Treasurer of the ARA requests persons asking for information about the buying service to give their bureau addresses.

ARA BRIDGE CLUB WINNERS

The winners at the last game were:

East & West - Mr. & Mrs. Little
North & South - Mr. J. L. Wilson
and Mr. H. A. Leibensperger

The next game will be held Saturday, November 21, at 1603 K Street, Northwest. Players are invited to bring partners.

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TUGWELL RESIGNS GOVERNMENT POSTS TO ENTER BUSINESS

Dr. Rexford Guy Tugwell, Undersecretary of Agriculture, and Resettlement Administrator, has resigned from the Government Service, it was announced last week, to accept an executive position with a New York molasses firm.

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ARCTOWSKI TO LECTURE ON CLIMATOLOGY

Dr. Henryk Arctowski, distinguished Polish geophysicist, will give two lectures on climatology in the Department of Agriculture auditorium from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on December 2 and 3, 1936.

On December 2nd the lecture, which will be illustrated by lantern slides, will be on "Climatic Variations and Weather Cycles."

On December 3rd Dr. Arctowski will be the leader in a conference on the subject of "World Changes in the Distribution of Atmospheric Pressure and Study of the Maps of March, 1931." For this conference Dr. Arctowski will show and explain several world isalobaric maps.

Dr. Arctowski has conducted important investigations in several fields of geophysics, including oceanography, meteorology, geology, climatic fluctuations, et cetera. He was oceanographer and meteorologist with the Belgian Antarctic Expedition, 1897-99, and was associated with the Belgian Royal Observatory from 1904-09. Nine years, 1911-19, were spent as Chief of the Science Division of the New York Library. Since 1920 he has been professor of meteorology and geophysics at the Geophysical Institute at Lwow, Poland.

These lectures, one in the nature of a conference, while complete in themselves will also form an appropriate introduction to a course in climatology which the Graduate School is planning to conduct later, probably during the present year. A charge of \$1.00 will be made for the two lectures, or 50¢ for one alone, and this will be credited toward the tuition fee in the case of those who register for the course in climatology.

The way was left open for his return to office in President Roosevelt's reply that "I fully expect to ask you to come back to render additional service."

Your reporter had occasion, in 1935, to interview the dapper professor, who appeared to be quite enigmatic. Dr. Tugwell has no time for sports, no time for any hobbies, and no spare time at all. He did, however, have an avid appetite for reading, for research into economic lore. The one hobby he does have is clothes, for which he has earned an enviable reputation.

Dr. Tugwell will be succeeded in Resettlement by W. W. Alexander. It was not announced who would succeed him in Agriculture as Undersecretary.

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Agriculture Lodge 31, A.F.G.E., has opened a membership drive, starting immediately, terminating January 31.

The union members will be divided into two teams and at the end of the campaign the winning team will be feted by the losing team. A prize will be awarded to the person bringing in the most new members. All those obtaining three new members or more will be admitted free to the final fete. Anyone joining the union during the drive is eligible to participate in it.

Several social affairs are scheduled to take place during the membership drive. The first of these was a Weiner Roast in Rock Creek Park, Saturday afternoon, November 21.

Anyone interested in joining Lodge 31 should get in touch with Cliff Warren, Room 3718, Extension 2040.

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EDITOR WRITES ON CORRECT FORM FOR AD-
DRESSING CHAIN ENVELOPES

Two out of every three requests for
information received last week did not
give a proper return address. To illus-
trate why letters must be addressed
properly, will describe the delivery
system in the Department.

When your messenger picks up your
inter-bureau communication, it is taken
to the file room, where mail is sorted
into bureaus and dispatched through the
pneumatic tube system. The tube is re-
layed by the central station in the De-
partment postoffice and received by the
designated bureau.

The approved form of addressing en-
velopes is to give the name, bureau and
room number, if known. (John Doe, Sec-
retary's Office, Room 123).

If the name of the bureau is omitted,
your file room has no way of knowing
where the piece should be sent. The
room number is not sufficient. Converse-
ly, when the Agriculture Exchange re-
ceives a communication needing a reply,
when the address gives the name and
room number, but no bureau designation,
we have no way of knowing where to send
our mail. We are, therefore, unable to
reply to the majority of letters we re-
ceive. All of the bureaus cannot main-
tain a file of all the employees in the
Department. There are 11,000 of them.
Always give name, bureau, and room num-
ber in your address.

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HIKERS - ATTENTION!

All hikers in the Department are re-
quested to register with J. Walker, C/O
The Exchange, so that plans may be con-
summated for a walk through the woods on
a brisk day and a meal over a cheery fire.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

***We do not know, of course, wheth-
er outsiders or insiders (or both) gyp-
ped the paper boy. It would seem prob-
able that Department employees partici-
pated, in large measure at least.**

**To my way of thinking, no matter
how much education, experience or abil-
ity a candidate for appointment posses-
ses, if he or she is known to be a de-
fective morally and ethically, a moron
in integrity and character, such a one
should be at once disqualified for ap-
pointment in the Department. The ex-
istence of the situation you mention is
in the last analysis a reflection on
the personnel of our Department**."

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TRIBUTE TO THE ORCHESTRA

We had the satisfaction of being part
of an audience of 1,600 that listened
to the superb playing of the Orchestra
under the direction of Dr. Walter Bauer
last Tuesday evening in the Federal
Auditorium.

Years of progress seem to be crowded
into the short period from 1934, when
the orchestra was first organized, to
1936 when an Agriculture Orchestral con-
cert is an institution of city-wide in-
terest.

Years of progress seem to be crowded
into the short life of Robert Frederick
Freund's chorus, which gave two presen-
tations of "Gay Nineties" the week pre-
vious.

Years of progress seem to be crowded
into all the employee's activities.
Those of us who have put much thankless
and tiresome work into what seemed to be
a hopeless task, a mirage, felt requited
when we heard Walter Bauer's musicians.

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CHORUS TO SING THANKSGIVING MUSIC

Mauder's "Song of Thanksgiving will
be offered by the Chorus at a holiday con-
cert to be given in the Auditorium, Tues-
day, November 24 at 8:30 p.m. Judging
from the crowds that attended the two
performances of the Gay 90's Program the
Chorus will again sing to a capacity
house. There will be no charge for ad-
mission.

TRANSPORTATION TO ARMY-NAVY GAME

The Pennsylvania Railroad will operate special trains from Washington direct to the Municipal Stadium at Philadelphia for the Army-Navy Football Game, Saturday, November 28th, commencing at 8:35 A.M., and every five minutes thereafter until 9:30 A.M. These trains will make the run from Washington to the Stadium in two hours and thirty minutes. For detailed information, reservations, and tickets, call District 1424, Pennsylvania Railroad City Ticket Office, 613 14th St., N.W.

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The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad will run a special train direct to the Stadium, leaving Washington, Saturday, November 28th at 9:10 A.M., making no stops. A special train to 24th & Chester Sts. will leave at 8:05 A.M.

For detailed information and reservations, call B & O City Ticket Office, District 3300 or Union Station Na.7370.

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EXAMINATION FOR U. S. CIVIL SERVICE

FIELD ASSISTANT (Entomology), \$2,000;
FIELD AID, \$1440; ASST. FIELD AID
\$1020. Age 18-40. Closing date, Dec. 7.

SENIOR WELDING ENGINEER, \$4600; WELDING
ENGINEER, \$3800; NAVY Department. Age,
less than 53.

SUPERVISOR, ALPHABETIC DUPLICATING KEY
PUNCH OPERATORS, \$1800; SUPERVISOR,
ALPHABETIC ACCOUNTING MACHINE OPERATORS,
\$1800; SUPERVISOR HORIZONTAL SORTING
MACHINE OPERATORS \$1620; Age 18-53.

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FREUND TO DIRECT FARM CREDIT CHORUS

The Exchange has learned exclusively that Robert Frederick Freund, skillful director of the Agriculture Chorus, has been engaged to organize and direct a similar group in the Farm Credit Administration. Mr. Freund does not know how long he will continue in that capacity. His entire time is now taken up by his singing activities.

MOTOR TRAVEL SERVICE

Transportation Wanted To:

Cal.	- Nov. 25-30
Kans.	
Topeka	- Nov. 25-30
N. C.	- Raleigh, weekends.
Penna.	- Phila., weekends.
	- Pittsburgh, weekends.
Va.	- Hampden, weekends.
Washington	- Nov. 25-30
W. Va.	- Romney, weekends.
Local	- Hyattsville.
	- 17th & Q, N. W.
	- 1900 Wyoming Ave.
	- 14th & Kennedy
	- 30th & Q, N. W.

Transportation offered to:

Ill.	- Chicago, Dec. 17.
Pa.	- Pittsburgh, Dec. 24.
Tenn.	- Bristol, Nov. 28.
	- Knoxville, Nov. 28.
	- Nashville, Nov. 28.
Local	- Hyattsville
	- 16th & Park Rd. (mornings)

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"Grumpy", the Pierce Hall Players' second presentation this season will be staged at Pierce Hall, Fifteenth at Harvard, on November 24 and 25.

The lovable old character, Grumpy, takes you on a delightful trip in this comedy that has as its theme--Mystery. Grumpy, a retired London criminal lawyer, with no stronger clue than a hair, unravels a diamond mystery involving his niece and her fiance. Packed with thrills and boasting a real "English Butler" the show strikes a new high in entertainment.

The play is directed by Howard F. Wentworth, prominent in amateur theatrical circles.

General admission tickets are 50¢ and reserved seat tickets are 75¢. Tickets may be secured at the door. Telephone Emerson 5120 between five and seven p.m. for information regarding reservations.

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When requesting information about the buying service of the ARA be sure to give bureau addresses.

GREENBELT - RESETTLEMENT PROJECT IN MARYLAND.

Somewhere in the vicinity of Beltsville, about five miles Northeast of Washington, the town of Greenbelt is now being erected.

Already, it has the distinction of being the most modern city in the United States... Built for low-income families, future inhabitants will enjoy luxuries unknown to most city dwellers.

Greenbelt is being constructed by the Resettlement Administration on a site of over 2,000 acres. It will have playgrounds, athletic field, a lake for boating and swimming, a community center, movie house, private gardens, a school, a postoffice, etc.

For the residents themselves, there will be both apartments and houses. They are equipped with heat, cold, and sound-proof walls. The floors are of concrete covered with asphalt tiles. Each unit has a living room, dining room, kitchen, bath, and from one to three bedrooms, all large.

There are three towns now under construction: Greenbelt in Maryland; Greenbelt in Ohio; and Greendale in Wisconsin. It is the aim of the Resettlement Administration to show that healthful, safe, and adequate accommodations can be made at a cost that can be easily defrayed by reasonable rents. All problems that can possibly be foreseen have been overcome by deliberate planning so that no one person may worry because of ill-health, discomfort, under-schooling, or inadequate recreation.

Rentals will range from \$20 to \$45 according to accommodations. Heat and light (cooking will be done by electricity) will be furnished from a central plant. Transportation will, no doubt, be arranged at a reasonable cost.

There is no doubt that federal employees and their families, who comprise about 60% of the total government forces will send in their applications by the carload. Already more than 5,000 have been received. It has been planned that only those with an income of less than \$2,000 a year are eligible for housing.

No agency has resources that will permit it to undertake so huge an enterprise. The government, therefore, is not encroaching upon private firms. Furthermore, new capital may now be expended upon really worthwhile undertakings, benefitting both industry and individual. -Milton M. Spahn.

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CHRISTMAS SAVINGS THROUGH ARA

Why not save money on your Christmas gifts? Standard advertised merchandise at savings of from 10% to 50% can be purchased through the ARA Buying Club. Members of the ARA can secure life membership in the buying service for \$2.75. The investment will probably be realized on the first purchase.

Write using chain envelopes to Mrs. Elsie E. Romero, BAE, 3531, for literature and membership blanks. Please include full address - Bureau as well as room number.

Watches 25%--30%
Silverware 18%--30%
Rugs 10%--40%
Radios 25%--30%
Mattresses 20%--40%

Luggage 40%
Jewelry 20%--45%
Furniture 30%--50%
Fuel Oil $\frac{1}{2}$ cent a gallon
Christmas Cards & Engraving 10%
Electrical Appliances 20%--30%
Coal 75 cents a ton
Diamonds 45%
Drug Store needs 20%--30%
Automobiles 12%--17 $\frac{1}{2}$ %
Automobile batteries 22%
Automobile Heaters 20%--30%
Automobile Insurance 20%
Automobile Radios 25%
Automobile tires 15%--20%

Winter Specials - Radiator Anti-Freeze Solutions at Bargain prices.

Engraved Christmas Cards Should Be Ordered Now!

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DR. JOHN R. MOHLER ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Although scientific research, its general purpose, and how it contributes to public welfare, was the subject of his "Department Objectives" lecture on November 20th, Dr. John R. Mohler, Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, went further and showed just how each employe in the Service contributes to the objective. "Research", said Dr. Mohler, "is the means by which man from the dawn of history has sought to control and improve his environment".

Less than 5% of the people are original or inventive, and of these, the Department takes the cream by means of Civil Service selection. Although there are many research workers and numerous laboratories seen in Washington and in the field, a relatively small staff is maintained. A survey of the census value of all farm animals as compared to the financial allotment for a study of animal breeding research showed that "for each \$100 of census value, the Government and States combined spent less than one cent for research devoted to increasing the usefulness of these animals to their owners and the public.

Well established benefits (from research projects which cost from \$5000 to \$50,000 per year) range from one hundred times to several thousand times the expenditure. The late Dr. Marion Dorset made discoveries still worth millions of dollars annually to the country.

The Bankhead-Jones Law, passed by Congress last year, provides for basic research in the Department of Agriculture and in the State Experiment Stations and land-grant colleges. The Secretary of Agriculture is to conduct "scientific", technical, economic, and other research into principles and laws underlying basic problems of agriculture in its broadest aspects". The Secretary has pointed out that research for basic principles is often of more value than research for particular objects.

Research may be expedited by the close cooperation of auxiliary workers in the Department. Alexander Sturges, A

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statistician, showed that the probabilities of error after seven successive positive results is 1 in 128. After ten successive positive results, the probability of error is 1 in 1024.

Consultation with other scientists and the crystallization of findings in writing will eliminate much duplication.

A study of fundamentals, not only in the field of science but in processes of reasoning and a greater willingness to think will do much good. "The apparent answer to a question is often far from being the correct one."

A truly scientific approach to a problem involves a desire to listen as well as to talk. It is suggested that now staff members have a broad scientific foundation.

Visits to other laboratories and collaboration with others are desirable.

Personnel officers can ease responsibilities of the scientists. Editors can do much to expedite the work. The economist can indicate the fields of study most desirable. The librarian, accountant, file clerk, photographer, subprofessional worker, and other auxiliary staff members are important aides who may expedite work. The legal staff may help the scientific work in accordance with statutes and legal requirements.

An important personal quality necessary is diplomacy. Care must be taken not to antagonize, not to contradict, but to let results prove the issue.

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*** Work will start soon on the second annual issue of "Employee Activities", to be published jointly by the Welfare Association and the Graduate School.

The new issue will be different in that it will be spiced and flavored with photographs of the different activities in action. Much new written material will be included. Suggestions and comments will be appreciated.

*** The Hikers will meet Thursday, Dec. 10, in Room 4403 at 4:45 P. M.

*** Copies of "Current Economic Problems" lectures may be purchased from the Graduate School, Room 4090, South, for One Dollar.

*** Second semester announcements will be made on December 10th.

CHRISTMAS HOSPITAL BOOKS CONTEST CLOSES

Employees working on the Christmas Hospital Books are advised to send them in to Room 249-W by December 15th. Contestants were to have finished by Nov. 30th. An exhibition of the results of the contest should be ready by Dec. 12.

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*** "Knowing well that "all progress is wrought in the mystic realm of thought". we look to scientific workers to blaze the trail. Yet every other employe who becomes interested in and aids in this activity renders valiant and useful service toward stimulating its progress and increasing its effectiveness".

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JOIN THE ARA

MOTOR TRAVEL SERVICE

Make your Reservations Now for Xmas

Transportation Wanted To:

Kans., Topeka	- Dec. 18
Minn., Duluth	- Dec. 15-25
Minneapolis	- Dec. 15-25
Neb., Omaha	- Dec. 15-25
Lincoln	- Dec. 15
N.C., Raleigh	- Weekends
Pa., Philadelphia	- Weekends
Pittsburgh	- Weekends
Va., Hampden	- Weekends
W. Va., Romney	- Weekends
Local	- Hyattsville
	- 17th & Q., N.W.
	- 1900 & Wyoming Ave.
	- 14th & Kennedy
	- 30th & Q., N.W.

Transportation Offered To:

Ga., Atlanta	- Dec. 23.
Ill., Chicago	- Dec. 17, 18.
Iowa	- Dec. 18
Pa., Philadelphia	- Weekends
Pittsburgh	- Dec. 24
Wis., Milwaukee	- Dec. 18
Local	- Dupont Circle
	- 17th & R., N.W.
	- 16th & U
	- Hyattsville
	- 16th & Park Rd.

Give Bureau and office number. Do not telephone.

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ORCHESTRA HAS THREE VACANCIES

Due to a shift to other assignments of WPA, musicians in the Department of Agriculture Orchestra, there are vacancies for a Trombone player (Second), who can read Tenor Clef, and for a String Bass player. Instruments will be furnished the musicians.

***The Orchestra is still in search of a flutist who plays the Piccolo. Communications should be addressed to the Secretary of the Orchestra, Box 19, South Building.

ARA STARTS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

A multitude of activities of all kinds invites the employes of the Department to participate in them through membership in the ARA. There is the Riding Club, the Bridge Club, the dance class every Thursday night at Roosevelt Highschool, the indoor swimming at the Ambassador Hotel, winter hiking, parties, basketball for men and women, bowling, chess playing, dances, and many other activities to take part in during the winter.

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PRINTED STATISTICAL LECTURES AVAILABLE

Copies of the lecture delivered in late September by R.A. Fisher on statistical inference are now available at the office of the Graduate School, Room 4090 South Building. A limited supply of the printed lectures on current economic problems is also available at \$1.00 per copy.

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WORK ON HANDBOOK STARTED

Work has already begun on the second issue of "Employee Activities". Leaders of the various activities and services will receive requests for contributions for this publication. A distinct feature this year will be the addition of a number of photographs depicting the work of the various groups. There will be, for instance, a picture of some of the singers of the Chorus in action. There will be a picture of the dance group in action. There are many others which will be included to really make this publication finer than the first one issued. Contributors should cooperate by sending in their copy as promptly as possible so that there will be no delays. This year, the publication is being sponsored jointly by the Welfare Association and the Graduate School.

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***The Exchange is in receipt of a letter suggesting that the broad Independence Avenue, lately repaved and widened might be turned into a lovely skating rink.

In the Spring and summer, there are such sports as baseball, soft ball, spring hikes, the annual field day and boat rides. No employe can complain that there is not sufficient for him to do in this Department outside of his office hours.

The Association dues are but twenty-five cents per year, beginning February 1. Those joining now will get the extra two months free. Further details of the ARA will be found on Page 3.

It is only through mass cooperation that employees can enjoy the many benefits they do now. Join Now!!

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N.F.F.E. MEETING

All members of the National Federation of Federal Employees in the Department of Agriculture are invited to attend an open meeting on December 16th, at 8:00 P.M., at 710 14th Street, N.W., Suite 604, at which the National Executive Council of the Federation will be guests of honor of the Washington Locals. The 9 Vice-Presidents, in addition to President Steward and Secretary-Treasurer McNally are expected to be present. Dr. Walter P. Taylor, Biological Survey, who is now located at Dallas, Texas, is a member of the Council. He was formerly located in Washington.

The purpose of the Executive Council meeting is to plan the legislative program for 1937.

This will be an opportunity to learn at first hand about the problems facing the Government employes and what the N.F.F.E. proposes to do about it.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The ARA dances have proved very suc-
cessful, but I think they would be more
so if there were a way to bring people
together so there would not be so many
"singles". And, too, there are many who
won't go to the dances because they are
afraid they will be "wallflowers". Do
you think a plan something like the fol-
lowing would be worth trying?

Send out blanks in order to ascertain
the number who would like to attend a
certain dance if he or she had an escort.
According to age and description given
on the forms, someone could try to pair
them off before the dance. This experi-
ment was tried in a school that I at-
tended, and many lasting friendships
were formed.

I know of many people who spend al-
together too many monotonous evenings
alone in their apartments or rooms just
because they do not know many people,
and do not have anyone to accompany
them to the various places of amusement.
Why not do something about it and try to
make it easier for people away from
their homes and friends to become ac-
quainted, and to enjoy living in Wash-
ington?

Very truly yours,

One who didn't attend the last ARA
dance because she had no escort.

(Editor's Note: We'd like some com-
ments.)

***The Graduate School Announcement
for the second semester of 1936-37
will be ready December 10.

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MOTOR TRAVEL BUREAU

Please Send in Your Applications for Xmas
Now!!!

Transportation Wanted To:

Ark., Little Rock	Dec. 13
Fla., Pensacola	Xmas
Tallahassee	Xmas
Ind., Indianapolis	Dec. 19,20
Terre Haute	Dec. 19,20
Kan. Topeka	Dec. 13
La., New Orleans	Dec. 20,22
Minn., Duluth	Dec. 15,25
Minneapolis	Dec. 15,25
Neb., Lincoln	Dec. 15,25
Omaha	Dec. 15,25
N.Y., Buffalo	Dec. 23,24
N.C., Raleigh	Weekends
Ohio, Dayton	Dec. 23,24
Pa., Philadelphia	Weekends
Pittsburgh	Weekends
South Carolina	Dec. 16,17
Va., Hampden	Weekends
W.Va., Romney	Weekends
Local: Between Dept. and Hyattsville	
" " " 1900 Wyoming Ave	
" " " 14th and Kennedy	
" " " 30 and Q, N.W.	

Transportation Offered To:

Cal., Los Angeles	Dec. 13
Ga., Atlanta	Dec. 18,23
Ill., Chicago	Dec. 17,18
Iowa	Dec. 18
Michigan, Detroit	Dec. 24
Mo., Kansas City	Dec. 19
St. Joseph	Dec. 19
St. Louis	Dec. 19
La., New Orleans	Dec. 18
Ohio, Columbus	Dec. 23
Pa., Pittsburgh	Dec. 24
Texas, Houston	Dec. 18
San Antonio	Dec. 18
W.Va., Wheeling	Dec. 23
Wis., Milwaukee	Dec. 18
Local: Between Dept. and Dupont Circle	
" " " Hyattsville	
" " " 16 and Park Rd.	

If you are not employed by the Depart-
ment of Agriculture, please enclose a self-
addressed, stamped card or envelope with
your request.

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CHRISTMAS DANCE PLANNED

A Christmas Dance is planned by the ARA to enliven the holidays for Agriculture employes. The dance would be held in the patio of the Administration Building, Saturday, Dec. 19, 9 to 12 P. M. Admission to the dance will be 35¢ which will include refreshments.

These dances are very popular with employes and all persons who can go are urged to do so. Good music, good refreshments, good fun. No more beautiful spot is available in Washington for dances regardless of the price.

Since there is usually a preponderance of single males, girls are urged to attend. There will be plenty of Paul Joneses and "stags" on hand.

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FILES DISCUSSIONS A SUCCESS

The group discussion being held on records, mails and files, will meet Dec. 18, 4:45 P.M. in Room 5918 South Building, Cooperative Extension Service. Mrs. Mabel E. Heffner in charge of Mails and Files will be the hostess.

Instead of December 15th as originally planned, this group will meet Dec. 14, at 4:45 in the Office of Information, Mails and Files, Room 501 Administration Building with Mr. Hollis in charge of the discussion.

The interest of the members of this group in the seminar is shown by the large number present at each meeting. Plans are now being made to carry the discussions well into 1937.

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**In reference to the article on Greenbelt in the AGRICULTURE EXCHANGE for November 23, 1936, please address inquiries for further information to Suburban Resettlement, Resettlement Administration, Washington, D. C.

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****Montana residents working in the Department of Agriculture and not registered with the Montana Society are invited to call Ruth Adair, Interstate Commerce Committee Room, in the Capitol.

ARA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE BEGINS

The issuing of "Athletic and Recreational Association" membership cards for the year beginning Feb. 1, 1937 and ending Feb. 1, 1938, has begun.

Those taking out new memberships at this time secure for themselves more than two months extra time with no additional cost. Dues are 25¢ a year.

Application blanks can be secured from Mrs. Stehr at "Information Desk" at the North entrance of the Administration Building and from each Guard at his respective desk in both Administration and South Buildings of the Department. Also, they may be obtained by request in chain envelope to Mrs. Elsie Romero, BAE, Room 3531; Mr. James Henry Lyman, North Central Division, Room 0727; or to Mrs. Mayme Fleharty, Bureau Accounting Service, Room 4505. DO NOT PHONE.

For employes of the Department located in the Atlantic Building at 930 F St., N.W. (Forest Service) A.R.A. applications will be available by application to Mr. J. F. Boylan, 930 F St., N.W., Atlantic Building, Forest Service, Dept. of Agriculture.

Applicants are requested to be careful in PRINTING IN DATA on application Forms as they are to be used as permanent files. PLEASE PRINT NAMES.

The A.R.A. has had a successful season and looks forward to another very promising one.

Attention is invited to the A. R. A. Council which meets regularly on Tuesday of every other week at 4:45 P.M. The next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 8, 1936, in Room 3841, South Building. Eligible members, delegates and alternates are requested to be present as there are pending issues of much interest.

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EXAMINATIONS FOR U.S. CIVIL SERVICE

LITHOGRAPHIC STONE GRINDER AND POLISHER, \$1,200; Age, under 50. Closing date, Dec. 14.

JUNIOR CUSTODIAL OFFICER, \$1,860; Bureau of Prisons. Age, 25 to 44 years. Closing date, Dec. 14.

SUPERVISING INSPECTOR OF CLOTHING FACTORIES, \$4,600; Federal Prison Industries, Inc., Age under 53. Closing date

REDUCED HOLIDAY TRAVEL RATES

Employees will have the benefit of reduced travel rates to Philadelphia, Newark, and New York this Christmas and New Year, and to Chicago for Christmas only. In addition, a low cost all expense tour will be available to New York for New Year's Eve.

Fare to Chicago will be \$24.50; to Philadelphia, \$4.50; and to New York, \$7.50. The tour, to include many sightseeing features, will be \$15.00. Mrs. Roby Stehr, Br. 523, will have a supply of tickets for Agriculture employees only. Others will have to get them uptown.

Trains to Philadelphia and New York will leave at 2:00 P.M., Dec. 24th, and return tickets will be good until Jan. 3rd. Chicago train leaves later in the afternoon. It will be made down into sleeping seats at night. The New Year's train will leave at 5:00 P.M., December 31.

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REDUCED RATES TO SWIMMERS

All members of the ARA who are interested in swimming are invited to join the Swim Group. Dues of One Dollar permit holder use of the Ambassador Pool for 25¢ a swim, at any time. There are close to one hundred members now and there probably will be many more when the advantages of this arrangement are realized.

Mail applications to Mrs. Elsie Romero, BAE, Room 3531, South Building, giving name, address, bureau, building, division and room. Plans are under way to have a big get together (Splash Party) after the holidays.

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WELFARE STORE SPECIALS

Christmas greeting cards are now available in the Welfare Store. Candies, cakes, nuts, and glazed fruits should be ordered now while the stock is yet complete.

A plentiful supply of pork at low prices is in the store.

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ARA BRIDGE CLUB WINNERS

Winners at last duplicate game were:

North & South: tie between

Mr. J.L.Wilson (BAE)
Dr. G.L.A.Ruehle (F & D)
and
Mr. Frank Curren (Rds)
Mr. S.T.Hitchcock (Rds)

East & West:

Mr. Dan Dahle (F & D)
Mr. V.B.Vonney (F & D)

Next game Saturday, Dec. 5, at 1603 K Street, N.W.

Ethel E. Terry, Secretary, announces that the contract instruction class for ARA Bridge Club members and their friends is now under way at 2307 Calvert St., N.W.

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GRADUATE SCHOOL COURSES SUCCESSFUL

It has been observed that at the various "Department Objectives" lectures there is a wide distribution of employees from the several Bureaus. A great number of them are Bureau Chiefs, Division Chiefs and other men who make the policy of our Department. That the lectures have been a success is evidenced by the many employees who have attended and who have, each time, quite filled the auditorium. Plans for other courses include one on Public Speaking and Parliamentary Law to be given under the sponsorship of the School. Tentatively it is believed that noted speakers from the Capitol and noted Parliamentarians from Congress will be some of the visiting, lecturing professors. The course promises to be as great a success as any yet attempted.

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SAVE ON CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Members of the ARA are eligible to be life members of a buying service for an additional \$2.75. This service is proving very popular; 200 members have joined in the last 6 months. Send a request for literature, via chain envelope to Elsie E. Romero, BAE, 3531 South Building. DO NOT PHONE OR COME IN PERSON.

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ARA GIVES CHRISTMAS DANCE IN COOPERATION WITH
WASHINGTON POST AND STAR CAMPAIGNS FOR NEEDY

Employees of the Department of Agriculture will be offered an opportunity to make Christmas a happy event for needy Washington families and at the same time to have a pleasant evening of dancing on Dec. 19, from 9 to 12 P. M. in the patio of the Administration Building. Admission is 35¢, or 25¢ and a gift, refreshments included.

The dance will be held by the ARA in cooperation with the "Post" Toy and Doll Fund and the "Star" campaign to collect Christmas gifts for the poor. It will be possible for gifts of Agriculture employees to be made directly to any needy family or child designated. The newspapers will not only take care of the delivery of the gift but will add gifts of their own. Boxes will be made available in most

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buildings in which provisions, clothes, toys and dolls may be deposited. All useful articles will be acceptable. Food should be of a non-perishable character, such as tinned foods, bacon, ham, etc. Valuable or fragile gifts should be sent to Miss Gertrude Rest, 104 Administration Building, or A.C. Edwards, 3841 South Building. Unless designated, all toys and dolls will go to the Post Fund and all provisions and clothing to the Star Fund.

The Dance Committee is working hard to make this affair a huge success. Mr. Joe Bertolini (AAA) is chairman; Miss Gertrude Rest (Sec) is in charge of refreshments; Mrs. Roby Stehr (Sec) and Miss Viola Schantz (Bio.Sur.) are taking care of decorations; Joseph D. Cooper (Bio.Sur.) is handling publicity; Norris Wright (Sec) is in charge of checking; and Mrs. Elsie Romero (BAE) will secure the music. Yank Robbins and Howard Deem both of AAA are in charge of tickets. A. C. Edwards, acting president of the ARA is handling the cooperative arrangements with the Post and Star.

Coffee, cider and doughnuts will be served all evening. The ARA dances are friendly affairs, offering employees wholesome entertainment at cost. Special attention will be given to keeping singles entertained.

Probably there is an old tricycle lying forlornly in some basement or a teeter-totter put away in the attic which would make some poor kid's heart beat with joy. No doubt many dolls repose forgotten in bureau drawers and trunks in which there are oodles of clothes too.

CIVIC THEATER PRESENTS THIRD PLAY

The new Washington Civic Theater will present the third production of its season, the popular and exciting play, "The Petrified Forest" by Robert E. Sherwood, at Wardman Park Theater, Dec. 16-19.

This will be the first time the play is seen here in its stage form. Appropriately, it is being presented in the month that marks the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Petrified Forest National Monument as a federal monument.

Stage Magazine singled out one of the play's many exciting and beautifully written scenes to lead its 1935 list of "memorable moments in the theater" and called it "a rattling, good sentimental melodrama".

The action takes place in the Black Mesa Bar-B-Q in Painted Desert, Arizona, near the Petrified Forest. Here, a strange collection of people-- telegraph linesmen, a Mexican cook, a rich Easterner and his discontented wife, a cowboy, American Legion members, little Gabrielle Maple who runs the Bar-B-Q but wants to go to France, and Alan Squier, disillusioned, hitch-hiking writer and dreamer, meet and are kept together under the guns of Duke Mantee, escaping public enemy. Memberships or tickets may be secured from F. V. Rand (Br. 650) or the Theater Office, Raleigh Hotel (Dist. 1600).

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

A perplexing little problem that is continually presented about any government office, is the proper and thorough inking of stamp pads. This may sound trifling but is a helpful little hint both in expediting the job and doing it well.

Take a mammoth size paper clip and extend it to a V position and after applying the ink to the pad, draw the straight wire side of the clip back and forth over the pad with a see-saw motion.

Helpful suggestions regarding such little procedures that get in the hair at the wrong time would be of interest to your readers. This is merely a suggestion; take it at its worth. There are countless little irksomes encountered every day.

--Holmer Dogge - BAE

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ARA BRIDGE CLUB WINNERS

The winners at the last duplicate game were:

North and South: Mr. J. L. Wilson
Mr. C. W. Allen

East and West: Mr. John Lynch
Mr. D. L. Myers

Next game scheduled for - Saturday,
December 19, at 1603 K Street.

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GRADUATE SCHOOL COURSES ANNOUNCED

POLITICAL ECONOMICS & THE LAW (Year)
Wednesdays and Fridays, beginning Jan. 13, in Room 4756 South Building, Instructor: Joseph G. Blandi, Ph.D. Johns-Hopkins, LL.B. University of Baltimore; Chief, Marketing Agreements Division, Office of Solicitor, U.S.D.A.

This course will discuss the relations of economics to the law and will cite such eminent authorities as the Supreme Court justices.

SOILS: "Their Morphology, Genesis and Classification". (one semester) Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, beginning December 14 at 4:45 P.M. in Room 4003 South Building. Instructor: Dr. Charles E. Kellogg, Chief, Division Soil Survey. Fee - \$15.00 (3 semester credits).

The course will outline the principles of soil development with examples from the United States. Students should have had the equivalent of college freshman chemistry, previous training in plant physiology, geology, geography, and logic would be helpful but not essential.

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HIKE AND WIENER ROAST DEC. 20

At a meeting of the Hiking Club last Thursday, it was unanimously decided to hold a hike and wiener roast on Sunday, December 20th in Rock Creek Park. The group will meet and leave Dupont Circle promptly at 3:00 P. M. From there, they will walk to Rock Creek Park through P St. and walk up to the zoo where they will meet people living in that neighborhood at 3:45, at the 16th and Harvard entrance.

Hikers are requested to bring their own food and cups for the coffee. There will be a 10¢ charge for the coffee and other expenses.

The roast will be held at the fireplace behind the reservoir.

Last year, a preponderance of women came out for these hikes, which were highly successful. It is hoped that more men will come out to balance the party.

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ORCHESTRA TO GIVE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Dec. 22, at 8:30 P. M. the Department Orchestra will present the following Christmas program in the Department of Agriculture Auditorium:

- A. Corelli - Concerto grosso for Christmas Eve (2 solo violins, solo cello, and orchestra).
- J. S. Bach - "Sleepers Awake" from Church Cantata 160 (orchestra).
- Intermission
- G. Mahler - Adagietto from the V. Symphony (orchestra).
- A. Adam - Cantique de Noell for soprano and orchestra arranged by Franz Bornscheim.
- Two Christmas Carols for soprano and orchestra.
- Max Reger - St. Mary's Cradle Song, soprano and orchestra.
- "Vom Himmel Hoch"; a German Christmas choral for soprano and orchestra.

The soloist of the evening will be Mrs. Elsa Koppel, the well-known Washington soprano, whose husband is an official in R.A. The solo violins will be played by Jack Levenson and Irving Ginberg, the solo cello by Leslie Atkins. The last number on the program is a composition by Dr. Walter Bauer, who will conduct the orchestra.

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W A N T E D

Trap Drummer - Male
Banjo Player

To join five piece dance orchestra being organized for the benefit of a local post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Veterans preferred.

Financial gain, no object.

If interested, call: Mr. J.M. McLaughlin, Agri. Br. 2575, Room 5858.

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HOLIDAY TRIP PLANNED

Christmas (Dec. 24):

Philadelphia, \$4.50; leave 2:00 P.M., Penn. R.R.

New York, \$7.50; as above; ar. 5:35.

Chicago, \$24.50; leave 4:40 on Liberty Ltd., Seats made down for sleeping at night.

All tickets good until Jan. 3rd.

New Year (Dec. 31):

New York and Philadelphia, as above; Leave at 5:00 P.M.

All Expense Trip, \$15.00: This rate includes; Taxi Pa. Station to Times Square Hotel, Room with bath and radio, four days and three nights, (Basis 2 to a room). Sightseeing trip. Admission to Rockefeller Center Observation Roof. Round trip Railroad ticket.

Tickets and information to Agriculture and Resettlement employees from Mrs. Roby Stehr, Br. 523, Administration Bldg, Information Desk.

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***Those persons wishing to go by B & O R.R., leaving at 1:30 P.M. and arriving at 42nd Station at 6:15, at a saving of 15¢, may do so under auspices of the A.F.G.E. Call Mr. Baugh, Na. 0072.

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BRIDGE CLUB

The Department of Agriculture Bridge Club will hold two more games in December, the 23rd and the 30th. Dec. 30 is guest night and members may invite their friends to play. Place - 2400 16 St., N.W. 8:00 P.M.

Winners on Nov. 11 were (North-South) Dr. C.C. MacDonnoll and Mr. W.J. Nevius and (East-West) Mrs. Thelma F. Lee and Mr. Paul Gerardi.

Winners on Nov. 25 were Mrs. F.L. Hart and Mr. Frederick Munchmeyer.

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MOTOR TRAVEL SERVICE

Put in your Reservations for Xmas now.

Transportation Wanted to:

Ala., Montgomery	Dec. 19
Ark., Little Rock	" 18
Fla., Pensacola	" 20
Tallahassee	" 20
Ill., Chicago	" 22
Ind., Indianapolis	" 19-20
Terre Haute	" 19-20
Kan., Topeka	" 18-19
La., New Orleans	" 20-22
Mo., St. Louis	" 20-21
Nebr. Omaha	" 15-24
Lincoln	" 15
N. C. Raleigh	Weekends
N. Y. Buffalo	Dec. 23-24
New York City	" 23-24
Rochester	" 19
Ohio, Dayton	" 23-24
Pa., Harrisburg	" 24
Wilkes-Barre	" 24
S. C.,	" 15-17
Tex., Henderson	" 19
Va., Hampden	Weekends
W.Va., Romney	Weekends
Local	Hyattsville
	1900 Wyoming, N. W.
	14th & Kennedy
	30th & Q, N. W.
	4400 - 19th St.
	Waverly Hills, Va.

W.Va. Huntington	Dec. 19
Wheeling	" 23
Va., Charlottesville	" 24
Wisc., Madison	" 15
Milwaukee	" 15-18

Local	Hyattsville
	Dupont Circle
	17th & R, N. W.,
	16th & U
	16th & Park Road
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INTERBUREAU BASKETBALL LEAGUE STANDING

The Secretary's Office leads with two wins. Meek, of Clearance, is the leading scorer, having 18 field goals and 1 foul shot for a total of 37 points.

Scores are as follows:

Admin. Audit, 36	-	Weather Bu. 7
Sec. Office, 21	-	Clearance 15
Clearance, 49	-	Admin. Audit 21
Soil Cons. 31	-	Weather Bu. 16
Sec. Office, 31	-	For. Serv. 10

Standings of the teams up to Dec. 9:

	W.	L.
Sec. Office	2	0
Soil Cons. Service	1	0
Admin. Audit	1	1
Clearance	1	1
Forest Service	0	1
Weather Bureau	0	2

Schedule of Games to be played:

Tues., Dec. 22
9:30 - SCS-Adm. Audit
7:30 - For. Ser. - Clearance
8:30 - Sec. Off. - Weather Bureau

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A. F. G. E. LODGE #31 HOLDS DANCE

A Christmas Party and Dance will be given by Lodge 31, Friday, December 18 at the Hayloft. There will be free beer and pretzels and plenty of fun for all. The Lodge is cooperating with the Washington Post in specifying the admission, "39¢ Plus a Toy". Arthur Godfrey or Arch McDonald is scheduled to be there to collect the toys which will go to the Washington Post Toy and Doll Fund.

Transportation Offered to:

Ala., Florence	Dec. 18-23
Ill., Chicago	" 15-18
Ind., Indianapolis	" 18
Iowa --	Dec. 18
Kans. --	" 15-16
La., New Orleans	" 18
Mich. Detroit	" 24
Minn. Minneapolis	" 17
Mo., Kansas City	" 19
St. Joseph	" 19
St. Louis	" 19
Ohio Columbus	" 23-24
Pa., Philadelphia	Weekends
Pittsburgh	Dec. 24-25
Tenn. Chattanooga	" 22-23
Knoxville	" 22-23
Nashville	" 22-23
Tex., Houston	" 18

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UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Course I - FRETHAID DRAWING (year) Beginning January 26, Tuesdays 6:00 to 7:00 P. M. in Room 223 East Wing, Administration Building, and Wednesdays 7:00 to 9:00 P. M. in Room 0051 South Building.

Course II- ARCHITECTURAL DRAWING (year) Beginning January 25, Mondays 7:00 to 9:00 P. M. in Room 0051 South Building, and Thursdays 6:00 to 8:00 P. M. in Room 1039 South Building.

Course III-MECHANICAL DRAWING (year) Beginning January 26, Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:00 to 9:00 P. M. in Room 0051 South Building.

Course IV- BLUEPRINT READING (year) Beginning January 25, Mondays and Fridays 5:00 to 6:00 P. M. in Room 1039 South Building.

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BOYS' BASKETBALL

The Secretary's Office, Forest Service and Clearance Section were victors in the Inter-Bureau League games played December 15. Scores are as follows:

Sec. Off.,	25 -	Adm. Audit,	19
For. Ser.,	28 -	Weather Bu.,	17
Clearance,	37 -	S.C.S.,	18

The Secretary's Office is still leading the League, having won 3 and lost none. Others are:

	W.	L.
Clearance	2	1
S.C.S.	1	1
Forest Service	1	1
Adm. Audit	1	2
Weather Bureau	0	3

Meek, of Clearance, with 51 points, for 3 games, is High Scorer.

Schedule of Games to be Played:

Tuesday, January 5.
9:30 - For. Ser. - Adm. Audit
8:30 - Clearance - Weather Bu.
7:30 - S.C.S. - Sec. Office.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The girls' basketball team has discontinued practice until after the holidays, resuming play on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1937, according to Coach Mercer.

KEARINS LEAVES AGRICULTURE

With regret, we announce that our friend and former editor, John J. Kearins, has left Agriculture in favor of a position at Internal Revenue, after being connected with Budget and Finance in the Secretary's Office for two years.

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BRIDGE CLUB WINNERS

Winners of the Agriculture Bridge Club's game on December 9 were Mr. J. R. Belt and Mr. P. Gerardi. The Club's next game is scheduled for December 23, at 2400 16th St., N. W., 8:00 P. M. Admission 50 cents. Come and bring a partner. A game is also scheduled for December 30, same place, same time.

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***Write to Elsie E. Romero, B.A.E., 3531 South Building, for the folder explaining the buying service sponsored by the A.R.A., costing \$2.75 for life membership. It makes available many discounts on standard merchandise.

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FOUND: A lettering and drafting set. Communicate with C. P. Thompson, Rm. 6093 South Building.

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Dear Sir:

I thought you might be inter-
ested in this oldest advertisement on
record. It was printed about three hun-
dred years ago in the English paper
"Publick Adviser":

"In Bartholomew Lane, on the
back side of the old exchange, the drink
called coffee, which is a very wholesome
and physical drink, have many excellent
virtues, closes the orifices of the
stomach, fortifies the heat within,
helpeth digestion, quickeneth the spir-
its, maketh the heart lightsom, is good
against sore eyes, coughs or colds,
thumes, consumptions, headache, drop-
sie, gout, scurvy, Kings's evil, and
many others; is to be sold both in the
morning and at three of the clock in
the afternoon".

A good many people drink cof-
fee, you know and probably very few
knew it had so many advantages as are
mentioned above.

--Charles J. Quinn.

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FUTURE MEETINGS OF FILES GROUP

Seminar meetings of groups interest-
ed in Files and Records have been ar-
ranged for January and February, 1937.
Data will be issued in separate mimeo-
graphed form. Copies may be obtained
at the office of Graduate School, Rm. 4090.

***This paper is unable to accept for
publication items of definitely commer-
cial nature, as notices of homes for
sale, furniture for sale, and tickets
of outside organizations for sale, ex-
cept where such project is to the int-
erest of employees.

MOTOR TRAVEL BUREAU

Transportation Wanted To:

Ala., Birmingham	Dec. 24
Fla.,	Dec. 24
Pensacola	Dec. 24
Tallahassee	Dec. 24
Ill., Chicago	Dec. 24
Mich., Detroit	Dec. 24
Neb., Omaha	Dec. 24
N.C., Raleigh	Weekends
N.Y., Buffalo	Dec. 24
N.Y., N.Y.C.	Dec. 24, 29
Ohio, Cleveland	Dec. 24
Columbus	Dec. 24
Steubenville	Dec. 24
Toledo	Dec. 24
Pa., Philadelphia	Weekends
Pittsburgh	Dec. 24, "
Williamsport	Dec. 24
Va., Hampden	Weekends
Romney	"

Transportation Offered To:

Fla., Miami	Dec. 25
Ga., Augusta and Macon	Dec. 24
N.Y., N.Y.C.	Dec. 31
Rochester	Dec. 24
N.C., Clinton and Raleigh	Dec. 24
N.D., Fargo	Dec. 24
Ohio, Columbus	Dec. 24
Zanesville	Dec. 24
Pa., Harrisburg	Dec. 24
Philadelphia	Dec. 24, Weekends
Wilkes-Barre	Dec. 24
Va., Charlottesville	Dec. 24
Wisconsin	Dec. 24

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ARA TRAIN TRIPS

Christmas (Dec. 24):

Phila., \$4.50; Lv. 2:00 P.M. Penn.R.R.
New York, \$7.10; as above; Ar. 5:35.
Chicago, \$24.50; Lv. 4:40 on Liberty
Ltd. Seats made down for sleeping.
All tickets good until January 3.

New Year (Dec. 31):

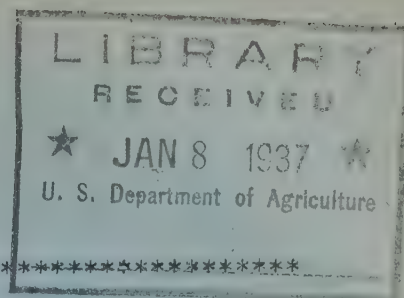
N.Y. and Phila., as above; Lv. 5 P.M.
All Expense Trip, \$15. This rate in-
cludes; Taxi Pa. Station to Times
Square Hotel. Room with bath and
radio, 4 days and 3 nights (2 to
a room). Sightseeing trip. Ad-
mission to Rockefeller Center Ob-
servation Roof. Round trip R.R.
ticket.

Tickets and information to Agricul-
ture and Resettlement employes from
Mrs. Roby Stehr, Br. 523, Adm. Bldg.,
Information Desk.

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In starting a New Year.....

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the
readers of the Agriculture Exchange, will
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or his assistants, and that we will write
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TIBBETT FILM SHOWN LOCALLY

Lawrence Tibbett's new picture, "Under Your Spell," heads the holiday bill at the Rialto Theatre, starting Christmas Day. This will be the first local showing of the famous American concert and operatic star in his latest screen appearance.

A complete aria from "Faust," with Tibbett as Mephistopheles, is one of the highlights of the picture. And in addition, he introduces the newest tunes of the premier song-writers of America today, Arthur Schwartz and Howard Dietz. They are "Amite," "My Little Mule Wagon," and "Under Your Spell."

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SPLASH PARTY FOR SWIMMERS

All members of the A.R.A. and their friends are invited to the second of the SWIM Group's Splash Parties to be held at the Ambassador Pool Monday, January 18th, at 8 P.M. with special events for all and loads of fun. The water is heated and purified by violet ray treatment with no chemicals to hurt the eyes. Tickets can be obtained from Mrs. Romero Room 3531, South Bldg. or Yank Robbins, Room 207-B, Old Post Office. Price 25¢ for members, 40¢ for non-members.

Come one, come all, and enjoy an evening of fun.

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FOUND: The guard's office has a pair of men's gloves found about December 10 or 11 in front of the Administration Building.

INTERBUREAU BASKETBALL LEAGUE

In games played Tuesday December 22 Clearance defeated Forest Service 29-12 and Administrative Audit defeated Soil Conservation Service 24-6. Weather Bureau forfeited to Secretary's Office, which leaves the Secretary's Office still leading with 4 wins and 0 losses. The remainder are in the following order:

	Won	Lost
Clearance Section	3	1
Administrative Audit	2	2
Soil Cons. Service	1	2
Forest Service	1	2
Weather Bureau	0	4

Meek of Clearance is steadily pulling away from the rest of the scorers, having earned 65 points up to date in 4 games, averaging 16 points per game.

These games are played at McFarland Jr. High School on Tuesdays.

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AGGIES 145 TEAM

In the Community Center League the Aggies have won 5 and lost none. Having defeated Pepco 25-24, P.W.A. Housing 30-15, Social Security 28-17, Knights of Columbus 30-23, and Alber McNeil 29-16. Henry Weigel, Budget Section, A.A.A., is leading scorer of the league with 47 points. The Community Center and the Inter-Bureau League have disbanded until after the holidays.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

Noticed a suggestion that Independence Avenue (recently paved) might be turned into a lovely skating rink.

Well, just wait a short while, and it is very probable that Dame Nature will make it so without any cost to anyone, (except a few falls).

-----Geo. A. Wold --BBS

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WHY JOIN A UNION?

(An interview with A. C. Edwards, BAE,
former president of Agriculture Branch N.F.F.E. #2.)

Reporter: We of the Exchange have been asked many questions about the unions in the Government, the reasons for their existence, and when they were organized. Please tell me first about how they originated.

Mr. Edwards: Unions existed in the Government for many years, particularly in the trades, but it was not until the war that they became widespread in the Government. This period of rapidly rising prices resulted in such hardships to Government employees, most of whom were on fixed salaries, that they just naturally banded together in Unions in order to present their just cause to Congress.

Q. Was this a national union?

A. The National Federation of Federal Employees was organized in 1917.

Q. What did the N.F.F.E. accomplish?

A. First it got a bonus of \$20 per month for Government employees and then a long series of legislative acts ending with the Classification Act.

Q. Has everyone benefitted through the legislation secured?

A. Yes. Salary increases were secured for all types of work; pension legislation was put through for most positions in the Federal Service; Saturday half holidays secured; and recently a better vacation and sick leave plan was won--to mention some of the most important accomplishments.

Q. What proportion of the employees belongs to unions?

A. Far too few considering that everyone secures the benefits of the work of the unions. But to answer your question, probably 40 per cent of the employees in the Federal Service.

Q. Why would you recommend that I join a union?

A. Let me answer that by asking you a question or two. Do you believe people should vote or do you believe in letting "George" do it? Do you believe in letting someone else fight your battles for you and to carry your burden as well as theirs? Do you need to accept charity from your more socially minded fellow employees?

Q. Hold on. I believe in the principle of organization but this is the Government--

A. Since as far back as 1912 there has been an Act of Congress which specifically gives employees of the Government the right to organize. Acts of Congress in the past four years have greatly strengthened this privilege.

Q. But there are two unions. I cannot very well join both.

A. That is true. The National Federation of Federal Employees withdrew from the A. F. of L. several years ago because of a difference of opinion over the theory of Classification (like pay for like work). Since that time the A. F. of L. has organized the American Federation of Government Employees, but this does not excuse you from joining one or the other. There are at least two of almost everything. You can do little outside of the organizations.

Q. How much are the dues?

A. The dues in either organization are 50¢ a month or \$5.00 a year, plus \$1.00 initiation fee.

Q. To whom do I apply?

A. There is probably someone in your own office, but I will be glad to take your application providing you wish to join the N.F.F.E. If you want to join the A. F. G. E. you can secure a card from Mr. John A. Schricker (BPI).

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

I should like to heartily approve
the suggestion or complaint as it might
be called of "One who didn't attend the
last ARA dance because she had no es-
cort", set forth in the December 7 is-
sue.

Washington, at its best, is a rather
hard city in which to form real and
lasting friendships. Circles of ac-
quaintances are rather hard to "break
into". A newcomer hasn't much chance;
nor, so far as that is concerned, has
an old-timer, if changed circumstances
in her or his life makes it necessary
for either to form new friendships, or
to find something to break up the monoton-
y of long hours of loneliness. The
ARA activities in swimming, basketball,
etc. are many, but who wishes to attend
them alone?

Another lonely one who would like
to form new and lasting friendships.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

***It is my opinion, after reading
your bulletin for a number of months
and observing its effects, that you
have exerted a tremendous influence to-
ward consolidating many interests of
personnel in the otherwise unconnected
Bureaus of the Department.***

---Harold Aitken, B.P.R.

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Leave chain envelopes unsealed.

MISS ETHEL N. JETT, VETERAN EMPLOYEE
OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY, TO RETIRE SOON

After 28 years of employment in the
Federal Government, Miss Ethel N. Jett,
an employee of the U.S. Biological Sur-
vey, will retire on January 31, 1937,
upon reaching the retirement age.

Miss Jett is a clerk-stenographer in
the Section of Current and Visual In-
formation of the Survey's Division of
Public Relations, and has been particu-
larly active in building up the Bureau's
collection of photographs. She joined
the Bureau in 1920 as a stenographer in
its office of accounts. In 1921, she
became connected with the Division of
Game and Bird Conservation. Seven years
later she transferred to the Office of
Exhibits and Publications. This office
became Division of Public Relations.
Prior to joining the Biological Survey,
Miss Jett was employed in the library
of the Forest Service from 1908 to 1920.
She is a native of King George County,
Virginia.

Her work and loyal devotion to the
Biological Survey have played an impor-
tant part in its growth and accomplish-
ments.

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***A group of Agriculture employees
are endeavoring to obtain through bus
service from the District Line to this
Department, via 16th Street and Alaska
Avenue. Further information may be se-
cured from Miss M. A. Bell, Room 4015
South Building, Extension 711.

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BRIDGE CLUB VICTORS

Winners of the Agriculture Bridge
Club Game December 23 were Miss L. A.
Ehringer and Mr. G. M. Richards; run-
ners-up were Mrs. J. R. Belt and Mrs.
T. F. Lee.

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AGRICULTURE BASKETBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Tues., Jan. 12

8:30 - S.C.S.-Forest Service

7:30 - (prac.) Adm. Aud.-Weather Bu.

9:30 - (prac.) Clearance-Sec. Off.

***As evidence of the fine cooperation the Graduate School is receiving, we reproduce the following:

Mr. A. F. Woods,
Director, Graduate School,
U. S. Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Woods:

Your letter of December 8, 1936, has been received, in which you inquire as to the possibility of the students of the Graduate School of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, who are conducting a filing Seminar, visiting the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I shall be very pleased for the group to call at my reception room, Room 5633, U. S. Department of Justice Building, at 5:00 P. M. on January 12, 1937, at which time they will be conducted on a detailed tour of our fingerprint files and other facilities which may be of interest to them.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover.

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ARA BUYING SERVICE CONTINUES TO GROW

Since December 1st, 40 Agriculture employees became lifetime members of the buying service sponsored by the ARA. Several hundred dollars were actually saved by the members on furniture, electric appliances, jewelry, silver, shavers, etc. Those interested should WRITE for information using chain envelope to Elsie E. Romero, BAE, 3531 South Building. Do not phone or come in person, or request literature to be sent to home addresses, PLEASE.

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***Second semester announcements of the Graduate School are available. Call or write the Director, Rm. 4090, Br. 317.

CHESS TEAMS IN TOURNAMENT

By invitation of the Metropolitan Chess Association of Washington, the ARA Agricultural Chess Club has entered two 5-man teams in an extensive series of matches which began Nov. 12 and will continue to about May 15, 1937. Up to the Christmas holiday season the "aggies" had won a total of 5 out of 6 matches in competition with teams representing various Government, educational, and commercial institutions. Twelve teams are participating in the tournament.

This activity, which meets on Thursday nights, has necessitated the temporary absence of a large group of players from the Department's Chess Club meetings, which are held on the same night of the week. However, chess "fans" are still invited to meet Thursday nights at 8 o'clock at Room 2349, South Bldg. A large attendance is particularly desired for the first meeting of the new year, January 7. Visitors are requested to bring boards and men -- and passes to the building.

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NATIONAL SYMPHONY PROGRAM

Sunday, January 10, at 4:00 P.M.
Soloist--Roman Totenberg, Violinist

Russian Program

Overture, Russlan and Ludmilla...Glinka

Concerto in D Major.....Tchaikovsky

Allegro moderato

Canzonetta

Allegro vivacissimo

Roman Totenberg

(Intermission)

From the Love of the Three

OrangesProkofieff

March and Scherzo

From The Nutcracker Suite...Tchaikovsky

Danse Arabo

Danse Chinoise

Danse Russe

Excerpts from Boris Godounov.....

.....Moussorgsky

Introduction - Coronation

Scene - Love Music

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES IN "GRAPHIC PRESENTATION"

Instructors: H. A. Magnusen and E. A. Garlock

Four major study courses of this subject are now offered by the Graduate School of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The subject has a three-fold purpose: First, training in graphic expression; second, developing draftsmen as designers and supervisors, whether in the architectural or the mechanical fields; third, training in the reading of blue prints and specifications. The cost per course will be \$20.00 for each semester. Prerequisite, 15 standard high school units or equivalent.

Course I - FREHAND DRAWING (year) Beginning January 26, Tuesdays 6:00 to 7:00 P. M. in Room 223 East Wing, Administration Building, and Wednesdays 7:00 to 9:00 P. M. in Room 0051 South Building.

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| 1. Outline Drawing | 7. Cartoons |
| 2. Light and Shade | 8. Illustrations |
| 3. Illustrator's Perspective | 9. Posters |
| 4. Measured Drawing | 10. Indications and Sketching |
| 5. Architectural Rendering | 11. Mediums |
| 6. Graphs | 12. Technique |

Course II - ARCHITECTURAL DRAWING (year) Beginning January 25, Mondays 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. in Room 0051 South Building, and Thursdays 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. in Room 1039 South Building.

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| 1. Planning | 3. Methods of Construction |
| 2. Exterior Treatments | 4. Use of Materials |

Course III - MECHANICAL DRAWING (year) Beginning January 26, Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. in Room 0051 South Building.

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| 1. Elementary Mechanical Drawing | 5. Mechanical Systems |
| 2. Descriptive Geometry | a. Electrical |
| 3. Advanced Mechanical Drawing | b. Heating & Ventilation |
| | c. Refrigeration & Air Con-
ditioning |
| | d. Sanitation & Plumbing |

Course IV - BLUEPRINT READING (year) Beginning January 25, Mondays and Fridays 5:00 to 6:00 P.M. in Room 1039 South Building.

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| 1. Interpretation of Symbols | 4. Mechanical Requirements |
| 2. Reading Dimensions & Checking | 5. Quantitative Analysis |
| 3. Correlation of Drawing and
Specification | 6. Estimating Costs |
| | 7. U.S. Govt. Specifications |

ADVANCED CLASS IN ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND RHETORIC (one semester) Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning January 19 at 4:50 P.M. in Room 4625 South Building. Instructor: Dr. Homer C. House (Head of the Department of the English Language and Literature, University of Maryland).

This second semester course (rhetoric) develops general phases of the art of writing: page form, accurate statement, vocabulary, outlining, exposition, description, narration, and (if time is available), verse.

Prerequisite, the first semester or equivalent.

WALLACE GIVES FINAL LECTURE
ON OBJECTIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Excerpt from Secretary Wallace's
Speech on Department Objectives.

"And that is the objective of the Department of Agriculture, SERVING THE GENERAL WELFARE THROUGH AGRICULTURE. I trust that none of you are in the frame of mind where you feel that you are merely endeavoring to serve a particular bureau or particular division in your bureau, or that you are endeavoring merely to serve the Department of Agriculture. You can serve the Department of Agriculture most effectively only if you feel at the same time you are serving the general welfare of the whole country".

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AGRICULTURE'S MISSOURIANS TO HELP
ENTERTAIN THEIR GOVERNOR

The Missouri State Society of Washington has completed arrangements to entertain Governor and Mrs. Stark and their staff at an Inaugural Reception and Dance to be held on the evening of Jan. 20 (Inaugural Day) at the Willard Hotel. All Missourians and their friends are invited to come out to meet the Governor and to visit with their fellow Missourians to "show 'em" a real hearty welcome while they are in Washington.

The Governor and his staff, which includes some sixty Colonels and other Missourians, have chartered two special trains, which are scheduled to arrive in Washington on Jan. 19. The reception will begin at 9 P.M. on Jan. 20. Dancing will start at 10 P.M. and a buffet supper will be served from 10:30 till 12. Tickets can be secured from any of the following members of the Department of Agriculture:

In the South Building:

Ray E. Miller, Rm. 0014,

James E. Dawson, Rm. 1651,

Dr. Louisa Stanley, Rm. 6052,

Roy M. Green, Rm. 3507,

Preston R. Richards, Rm. 3451,

Julian N. Friant, Rm. 6709,

R. M. Moore, " "

Old Post Office Building:

Walter Bramhall, Rm. 323,

Temporary Building "F":

Berley Winton, F-4-211,

H. L. Shrader, F-4-211.

The complete series of talks which were made on Department of Agriculture objectives will be available at 50¢ a copy through the Graduate School. Persons who attended all lectures will be given free copies.

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CREDIT UNION HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Agricultural Employees Credit Union will be held Monday, January 18, 1937, at 4:40 P.M. in the auditorium of the Department of Agriculture.

In accordance with the by-laws, (1) seven Directors will be elected for terms of 3 years. Three members of the Supervisory Committee, for terms of 1 year, and two members of the Credit Committee, one for a term of 1 year, and one for a term of 3 years, will also be elected. (2) The amount of dividends for 1936, if any, will be voted upon. (3) Reports will be made on the financial condition of the Credit Union, and on the activities of the various committees. The meeting will be open for discussion, for criticism and comment on present practices, and such other business upon which the members may lawfully desire to have the Credit Union take action.

No member may vote by proxy. Each member is entitled to one vote regardless of the number of shares held if he has been a member for more than three months.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

How about a little injection of zip into your gazette? I would suggest, if I may, a little nip of savor be added to your articles. Pep them up for dear old Agriculture.

We readers are bored stiff at times with a staccato bombardment of such assaults on the literati as labeling us as "employees" of the Department. The reciprocity of a "fresh batch" of books was indicted upon the Welfare Store, and then we were bestowed with a full, bellow by bellow, word battle between a group of music loving eccentrics and their antis. Cut down a bit on the excelsior and add a bit of every day wit and watch your popularity grow.

Don't take the uplifting attitude. If the employe(e)s want uplifting and culture they will have to go further than the recesses of their incoming baskets to seek it.

What ever happened to the "Amusing Letters"? Is everyone getting serious all of a sudden and sending straight dope to the Government?

What ever became of ribald columnist Levine? He was clever if he would remain inside the bounds of privilege. Too spicy.

Re: Issue of Dec. 30. What has Lawrence Tibbet got to do with the Department of Agriculture?

You are out to get the Government in a suit with Chesapeake & Potomac with your advice, "If you can write, don't telephone". Lots of us have occasion to use the 'phone but the saving of a few cents and the receipt of a bit of sage may be a lot of persuasion. Try that little byword with the Post Office Department. That ought to sell stamps.

Come on olde boye, spruce it up! You've got the stuff allright when you can slip over a whole page with a New Year resolution for someone else and still draw your fat salary. Otherwise your paper is "hobble de hoy" as we used to term the significance of O. K. west of the Windy city.

Arkansas Editor
(Editor's Note: Concerning the spelling of "employe", all Washington newspapers use one "e". So do we. So does Webster permit it.)

Joseph D. Cooper..... Editor
Irene L. Bartlett.....Milton M. Spahn

Deadline is Thursday afternoon. Signed contributions only-subject to revision.

DO NOT PHONE OR CALL - WRITE

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

The voice of "Loneliness" has proclaimed its empty existence. What is to be done to alleviate their condition? Now is the opportune time for the legions of lonely agriculture workers to organize to oust this blight of unhappiness. I suggest a Date Bureau.

This agency could classify each applicant as to sex, age, general physical description, partner preferences, and good time ideals. Applications should cost ten cents, in order to defray clerical expenses. The initial date should be a "dutch treat". After that, it's up to the couple to discuss costs.

Each applicant should come into this agency not with the idea of obtaining a Clark Gable or a Jean Harlow, but rather with an intelligent attitude of having good companionship. Otherwise, the bureau will prove very unsuccessful.

Ben Goldberg, B.A.E. Rm. 301.

(Editor's Note: The same plaint has come across our desk half dozen times. What to do about it?)

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AGRICULTURE BASKETBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 19.

8:30 - Weather Bu.- Adm. Audit
9:30 - Sec. Off. - Clearance
7:30 - Forest Ser.- S. C. S.

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JOIN THE ARA

LEGION POST PLANS "SOCIALIZER"

U. S. Department of Agriculture Post 36, American Legion, announces that its meeting at 8:00 P. M. in Moose Hall, 1414 Eye St., N.W., on the 15th of Jan. will be of a social nature, to which Veterans of the Department, and their wives or friends are invited.

Says Bill Murphy: "VETERANS OF THE DEPARTMENT, THIS IS YOUR POST, and you are urged to join it, to help out in its work, and to enjoy its fun. Contact the Commander, F. M. Grant, Br. 2374, or the Adjutant, Joseph Foran, Br. 341, for details. Let's make this a real DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE POST. Why not come to our meeting on the fifteenth and get acquainted?"

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MOTOR TRAVEL BUREAU

Transportation Wanted To:

Local	-Silver Springs
	-Takoma Park
	-17th and Mass Ave., S.E.

Transportation Offered To:

Fla., Miami	-Jan. 16, 31, 22, 23.
Local	-Riverdale, Md.
	-14 and Decatur, N.W.
	-Georgia and Decatur, N.W.
	-16 and Irving, N.W.

Notice! Memoranda concerning weekend and local trips received at this office prior to December 1, 1936, have been placed on our inactive list. If you still wish to be carried actively, please send in your name, bureau, room and 'phone number. It is also desirable to send your residence and home 'phone on the same slip. Address your letters to Motor Travel Bureau, Room 4403, South Building.

Persons outside the department who wish information should accompany their requests with a stamped envelope or postal card. No information will be given over the telephone.

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Leave chain envelopes unsealed.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBIT AT MAYFLOWER

The Third International Leica Photographic Exhibit will be held in the Promenade of the Mayflower Hotel from Monday, Jan. 11, to Sunday, Jan. 17, inclusive; hours, from 11:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.

There will be over four hundred beautiful photographs, selected from thousands submitted by outstanding amateurs and professionals from all over the world. Included also will be some fifty beautiful enlargements made by Mr. Anton Baumann, who made a special trip to the United States, and who has made over fifteen hundred photographs of various points of interest throughout this country.

Of particular interest will be the illustrated lecture, to be given on Friday, Jan. 15, which will include approximately one hundred natural color Kodachrome slides made at various points of interest in the United States, as well as a large number of black and white slides.

Additional importance will be attached to the local photographic contest, wherein all the local users of Leica Cameras are invited to submit their best prints. There will be awarded a First prize of a Silver Oskar Barnack Medal, and a Second Prize of a Bronze Oskar Barnack Medal, Oskar Barnack being the "Father of Miniature Cameras", and there will be a great deal of prestige attached to the winning of either of these. There will also be a third prize of an Honorable Mention Certificate. Voting on the prize-winning prints will be done by the visitors to the Exhibit and the winners will be announced at the Illustrated Lecture.

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ARA SWIM GROUP TO HAVE PARTY

Date: Jan. 18. Place: Ambassador Pool.
Event: Splash Party. Time: 8 P. M.
Price: Members 25¢. Non-Members 40¢.

A very interesting evening is planned for the members of the ARA and their friends. Tickets can be obtained from Mrs. Stehr, Information Desk, Adm. Bldg. or Yank Robbins, Room 305, Old Post Office Bldg. by applying in person or by MAIL ONLY from Mrs. Romero, BAE, Rm. 3531, South Building.

NATIONAL SYMPHONY TO PROVIDE INAUGURAL MUSIC

The National Symphony Orchestra of Washington, D. C. has again been chosen to play a prominent part in ceremonies connected with the inauguration of an American President.

The Orchestra, under the direction of Hans Kindler, its conductor, will play the official concert on the Inauguration Day program of January 20, when President Roosevelt begins his second term. The concert, in which the Orchestra will be assisted by distinguished soloists, will be at 9:00 P. M. Inauguration Day in Constitution Hall.

The National Symphony four years ago played the first symphony concert ever included in Inauguration Day activities. The event was so brilliant that President Roosevelt, when laying out plans for his second Inauguration made another National Symphony concert one of the few activities he approved for the Day. The concert takes the place of the Traditional Inaugural Ball, which the President dispensed with this year.

A quartet of singers from the Metropolitan Opera Company--four of the most important American artists on the Metropolitan roster--will participate in this special concert. Suzanne Fisher, young soprano whose rise to a stellar position in the American operatic field has been phenomenally rapid, will be one of the soloists. Another will be Katherine Meisle, one of the Metropolitan's outstanding contraltos.

Richard Crooks, tenor, and Richard Bonelli, baritone, are internationally known concert artists as well as leading operatic singers and have also been engaged for the Inauguration Day event.

The entire program is under the general direction of Dr. Kindler, who will conduct the Orchestra in several symphonic works appropriate to the occasion.

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***Mrs. Beulah MacLain, secretarial-clerk Bureau of Biological Survey, is resigning on January 21, to take up the domestic duties of her new home in Lyon Village, Virginia. Mrs. MacLain has been with the Bureau since July, 1931.

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ARA GROUP AMALGAMATES WITH LARGE ORGANIZATION

The Fuel Consumers' Club of the A.R.A., of which Louis S. Murphy, Forest Service, is Chairman, and Gordon Webner, Resettlement, is Secretary, met Thursday, January 7, and decided to affiliate with the Washington Consumers' Club after the payment of the dividend due January 1.

Members joining the Washington Consumers' Club will be getting the same service as formerly, and it seemed impractical, in view of the small group interested in the Department, to continue longer as a separate organization.

Persons interested in joining the Washington Consumers' Club may obtain information from W. L. Shaw, B. A. I. Library, 246-B, Administration Building.

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SECOND ANNUAL DELAYED BY LATE RETURNS

Late returns of material for the second Annual issue of "EMPLOYEE ACTIVITIES" is holding publication up. Letters have gone out to most of the heads of the various activities requesting the material immediately after New Year's.

Chief feature of the issue now being prepared under the joint sponsorship of the Graduate School and the Welfare Association will be the candid photographs being snapped of the various groups in action.

All contributions and suggestions should be sent to the editor of the Agriculture Exchange, with attention brought to the EMPLOYEE ACTIVITIES year-book.

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***The association of Professional Employees of the Department of Agriculture, a nationwide organization of persons allocated to the professional and sub-professional services in the Department, claims to have 4,000 members, according to Mr. Joseph A. Becker, Secretary-Treasurer (BAE Rm. 2409). It is devoted to promoting the interests of professional and technical employees by cooperating with administration officials and by conferring with committees of Congress on matters relating to Personnel.

Dr. S. B. Fracker of Entomology is President.

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COACHING CLASS IN ENGLISH AND LETTER WRITING S. Department of Agriculture

A non-credit one semester course in English and Letter Writing will open February 2, to meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:45 P. M. in Room 4616, South Building under the instruction of Mary H. Sanders. This work is planned to aid those who need special help in applying the rules of grammar to letter writing, and to teach correct form, especially as used by the Department of Agriculture. The fee will be \$12.00.

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RIDING CLUB

The mild weather this winter has been very kind to the bridle path habitues. Consequently, the Riding Club has continued to be very active.

Membership dues are 50 cents a year, 25 cents to the ARA and 25 cents to the Riding Club. Membership entitles one to reductions in rates at a number of stables and sporting goods stores. Further information may be obtained from Mrs. Roby Stehr, Information Desk, or by writing The Exchange.

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GYM CLASS TO REORGANIZE

Calisthenics may again achieve its popularity in the Department if the plans of Leonard Tambor of the office of Budget and Finance succeed. If sufficient interest is shown, a gym will be made available for men and women.

Write him only. Do not call.

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GRADUATE SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Publications in Elements of Personnel Administration, 35 cents.

Three lectures by Dr. R. A. Fisher, University College, London, England, 35 cents.

Statistical Inference and the Testing of Hypotheses, 35 cents.

Eleven lectures on Objectives of U. S. Department of Agriculture, 50 cents.

Twenty-two lectures on Current Economic Problems by some of the country's outstanding economists, \$1.00.

Available at the Office of the Graduate School, 4090 South Building.

A special credit course to articulate with this is offered in ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND RHETORIC to be taught by Dr. Susan Harmon, beginning Jan. 18 at 4:50 P. M., Mondays and Wednesdays in Room 4092 South Building. The fee will be \$12.00.

Further information may be obtained from the Graduate School.

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***Few people knew that on December 23, the Agriculture Chorus, with Victor Neal accompanying, took to a specially decorated truck and sang carols throughout the city. Starting at the White House where Mrs. Roosevelt and members of her family listened from the portico bringing felicitations from the President, the carolers proceeded to the Episcopal Home for the Aged and the Home for Incurables, visiting other places where shut-ins dwell enroute. A social hour at Mr. Freund's home followed.

Mr. Freund is presenting the Chorus in a program of secular music sometime in February. Watch for the date.

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FINAL CALL FOR PUBLICATIONS

Publication of the Second annual "Employee Activities" will be greatly delayed by those persons who have not as yet submitted their contributions.

The editor is particularly anxious that the contributions from the Credit Union, the President of the Athletic Association, various employe unions, and several athletic clubs be received.

Emphasis should be put on the accomplishments of the year 1936 when writing material.

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THE ARA - WELFARE ASSN. PUBLICATION

Joseph D. Cooper.....Editor
Irene L. Bartlett.....Milton M. Spahn

Deadline is Thursday afternoon. Signed
contributions only -subject to revision.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

On December 7, 1936, and January 6, 1937, the Exchange published letters from two young ladies who apparently did not attend any of the A.R.A. dances because they lacked escorts. The writer of the first letter expressed the fear of being a "wallflower", which the second one elaborated on "changed circumstances".

Disregarding whether the cause of not attending the dances is the former or the latter, the young ladies should be informed very clearly that in the D.C., the ratio of the weaker sex greatly exceeds that of the stronger and that the easiest way to form lasting friendships, be that desired friend man or woman, is not to stay home and cry on one's pillow, but to circulate. This is as true for the young men as it is for the young woman.

The young ladies may still contend that it is regarded as improper for the fairer sex to attend dances or other public social gatherings unescorted, to which I reply that such conduct may have been highly repugnant in their home towns but when a girl is in Rome she must do what the Roman girls do - circulate.

Among the innumerable places where friends can be made, not only for the young women but also for the young men are the educational institutions, various churches and church affairs, Y. M. C. A and Y. W. C. A. dances, card parties, and last but not least the A.R.A. activities.

In other words, they should meet people. After all, everyone a person meets is potentially a lasting friend.
- Anonymous.

MOTOR TRAVEL BUREAU

Transportation Wanted to:

Fla., Miami	Jan. 21-23
N. Y., New York	" 22-23 and Fortnightly
Pa., Philadelphia	Weekend, Fort- nightly
Local	Between Dept. & 16th & Irving
"	" & 14th & Decatur
"	" & Ga. & Decatur
"	" & Ga. & Lamont
"	" & Riverdale
"	Ga. Ave & Crittenden St and Stand. Oil Bldg.

Transportation Offered to:

Local	Between Dept. and Takoma Park
"	" " Silver Springs
"	" " Cherrydale
"	" " Lyon Village
"	" " Colonial Vil.
"	" " 17th & Mass. S. E.

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HELP WANTED

Because of an increase in the work on the Agriculture Exchange, and because of a diminished staff, the editor is casting about for another assistant.

While a young lady is preferred, because experience shows that women last longer, as far as the Exchange is concerned, men are invited too. Applications should be in writing, addressed to the Editor, and should state qualifications. All of this work, it should be remembered, is done apart from regular office hours.

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BUYING SERVICE GROWS

Membership in the ARA Buying Service continues to grow to the advantage of many. Substantial savings are made possible on purchases of all types of goods. Savings of 2¢ a gallon on gasoline can be made. For further information, write only to Mrs. Elsie E. Romero, BAE, Room 3531.

THE WELFARE ASSOCIATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WISHES TO REMIND ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE BETTER-SPEECH INSTITUTE OF AMERICA'S NEW SELF-TEACHING COURSE IN PRACTICAL ENGLISH AND EFFECTIVE SPEECH MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE WELFARE STORE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, AT A GREATLY REDUCED PRICE. THIS COURSE IS ADVERTISED OVER A COAST-TO-COAST RADIO NETWORK OF THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING SYSTEM ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT 3:00 O'CLOCK, WASHINGTON STATION WMAL. THE WELFARE ASSOCIATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IS SPONSORING THIS BETTER-SPEECH MOVEMENT FOR ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THE REGULAR PRICE OF THE COURSE, INCLUDING CONSULTATION SERVICE FOR ONE YEAR, IS \$7.50. THE COURSE IS AVAILABLE TO YOU AT THE WELFARE STORE FOR \$1.85 COMPLETE.

MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND OF THESE COURSES HAVE ALREADY BEEN PURCHASED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. A COURSE IS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR INSPECTION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CAFETERIA.

BASKETBALL INTERBUREAU LEAGUE

Basketball teams playing in the Agriculture Inter-Bureau League finished the first half of their season Tuesday, Jan. 12, when Soil Conservation Service defeated the Secretary's Office 26-14. At the same time the Clearance Section, A.A.A., defeated the Secretary's Office 26-24 in a nip and tuck battle to play off a tie, each team having won 4 games and lost 1 before.

The Final Standings:

	Won	Lost
Clearance, A.A.A.	4	1
Winners in Playoff	1	
Secretary's Office	4	1
Losers in Playoff		1
Admin. Audit	3	2
Soil Conser. Ser.	3	2
Forest Service	1	4
Weather Bureau	0	5

Schedule:

Tuesday, January 26.
9:30 Clearance - Adm. Audit
7:30 SCS - Weather Bureau
8:30 Forest Service - Sec. Off.

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AGGIETTES

The Aggiettes started the season right when they defeated the Department of Labor Girls 26-6. Down and Huffman of the Aggiettes shared scoring honors with 8 points apiece. Trick, with 4 points was high scorer for Labor Girls.

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AGGIE 145-POUNDERS

The Aggie 145-pound team is holding its own in a triple tie for the first half season honors in the Roosevelt Community Center League. Accounts and Deposits of the Treasury and The Federal Alcohol Administration are the other two aspirants, each team having won 6 games and lost 1.

Tuesday, Jan. 12, the Aggies defeated the D.C. Silents, composed of Deaf Mutes who have graduated from Galludet College, 17-15. The game went to two extra periods. Koesis and Reynolds were high point scorers for Aggies and Ramsay high scorer for the Silents.

DRAMA GROUP ACTIVE

Tentative plans of the Drama Division of the Musical and Dramatic Guild include a presentation of a three act comedy in February or March. The group will also cooperate with the Orchestra and Chorus in a combined, original program.

Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Margaret Dodson, BAE, is Secretary.

The group solicits original plays.

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INTERBUREAU DUCKPIN LEAGUE

With John A. Ferrall as League Manager, The Agriculture Interbureau Duckpin League meets every Thursday evening from September to April at the Rosslyn Bowling Center. The League is at present composed of ten five-man teams.

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***We would like our friends and readers when writing us to spell the word, "employee" with one "e" as we have it here, so that we will feel that we are not alone in our pioneering in this Department.

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ATTENTION MAIL ROOMS! The pneumatic tube number of the Exchange is No. 14. Mail addressed to Room 4403 or just to Agriculture Exchange should be routed through that code.

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LEGION POST PLANS VALENTINE DANCE

Something in the offing is the formal Valentine Dance to be held by Department of Agriculture Post #36 on the night of February 13. Further notice will be published in the Exchange.

WELFARE STORE

The Welfare Store reports that it has plenty of cream, smoked meats and bacon at low prices.

ATHLETIC AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION
BALLOT FOR ELECTION
OF OFFICERS FOR 1937

VOTE FOR ONE IN EACH GROUP

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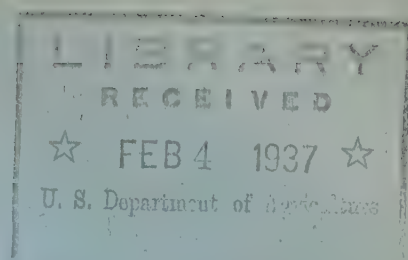
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Mail to Joe Bertolini (AAA) Chairman Elections Committee

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AGRICULTURE EXCHANGE

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BRILLIANT LAST MINUTE PLAYS GIVE 145 LB. TEAM VICTORY
WEIGEL AND GALE, ACE BASKETBALL PLAYERS, SCORE 14 POINTS LAST 5 MINUTES

With a series of brilliant plays in the closing minutes of the last quarter, the Aggie 145 pound basketball team trounced the Accounts and Disbursements, Treasury, team, with a score of 23-20, last Thursday, in the Roosevelt High gymnasium.

* There were but 50 seconds to go. The
* score stood 20-19, with the Agriculture
* team at the small end. Yet in those
* fleeting moments, the team, like a well-
* oiled machine, pounded its way to the
* goal post and victory.

* Weigel was the star of these closing
* moments. In the last 4 minutes, the boys
* scored 10 points. Weigel made 8 of them.

* CONTRIBUTE TO THE RED CROSS *

NEW A.F.G.E. CHAPTER GROWS

Public Roads' new chapter of the A.F.G.E. is being received most enthusiastically by that Bureau's employees, the quota having reached 35 last week. The group is planning a number of social functions in the near future.

Persons interested should see Mr. Kelly of Accounting Section, BPR, for membership, or come to the next meeting to be held January 28 in Room 2050A So. Building at 8:30 P.M.

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MEETING OF FILING GROUP ANNOUNCED

February 2 - Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, General Files, Room 6847, South Building - Miss Miller, Leader.

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LAST MINUTE NOTICE!

Send Red Cross contributions to Division of Operation, Room 104, Administration Building.

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In the interbureau league, scores for the first half are as follows:

Sec. Off. 21
Soil Cons. 10

Admin. Audit 33
Forest Ser. 12

Clearance Sec. 36 (Meek-18 pts.)
Weather Bu. 0

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Schedule of games to be played:

Tuesday, Feb. 2.
7:30 Adm. Aud.-Sec. Off.
8:30 SCS - Clearance
9:30 For. Ser. - Weather Bu.

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***The nominating Committee of the Athletic and Recreational Association disclaims any responsibility for any literature being distributed in favor of any candidate for any position on the Athletic and Recreational Association. Any literature signed, "The Committee", has not been distributed by the Nominating Committee.

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WITH THE EDITOR

For several weeks we have been publishing letters received complaining of the lack of means for social intercourse in Washington. Most of the letters were laudatory of the efforts of the ARA to alleviate the condition in the Department, but the general note struck was that not enough is being done. Some of the suggestions may seem collegiate. They are not our views necessarily but will receive mature consideration.

Not enough has been done in the Department, it is true. The EXCHANGE will assume the full responsibility. A new feature will be the weekly Calendar of Events, to remind the employees of what is going on among the recreational and social activities. Other welfare groups and organizations, including Federal employe unions are invited to submit to the editor meeting dates and news. Where possible, we would like to keep a schedule of regular meeting dates.

As soon as additional staff assistance is obtained, other steps will be taken to see that all that can be done for the employes in the Department will be done.

***Overcoming human nature has been our chief difficulty in taking pictures for the forthcoming second annual "EMPLOYEE ACTIVITIES". While taking some flash-light photographs in the Cafeteria and Welfare Store last week, we were considerably handicapped by those people who persisted in stopping their jaws to turn and stare at the camera lens. After some trouble, we did obtain a number of "candid" shots.

KNOCK BEFORE ENTERING--NOT AFTER!

By John A. Ferrall

"Say", said the Kid, looking up from his copy of the Exchange at lunch time, "where do these guys get the kick out of criticizing the editor just because the paper doesn't suit 'em 100 percent each issue? It doesn't cost 'em anything, it's run just for their benefit, and it's all gain and no loss".

"Probably Joe writes most of the letters to himself", argued the Old Timer. "And if he doesn't, he should worry because they show the Exchange is being read".

"Wouldn't it make me boil if I was editing the thing!" said the Kid, grimly. "I wonder if the writers don't feel a little sorry sometimes when the things get into type?"

"Maybe", agreed the Old Timer. "Most of us feel sorry--after the thing is done. Writing letters like that once saved a man's life--if you can believe the story my great grandfather always told. It was about a man caught in a terrible rainstorm, out in the forest. He crawled into a hollow log and when the rain was over, he found he was so tightly wedged in that he couldn't get out. Since it was away off from town it wasn't likely in those pioneer days that anyone would be passing and the man just gave himself up for lost. Naturally, he got to thinking about things he had done--or left undone. Suddenly he remembered this habit he had had of writing mean letters to the editors--"

"Well?" inquired the Kid, as the Old Timer paused.

"He got to thinking of that", said the Old Timer, "and it made him feel so small that he was able to crawl out of the hollow log without difficulty".

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Leave chain envelopes unsealed.

WHY JOIN A UNION (Chapter II)
by John Adams Schriker,
President of Agriculture Lodge #31, A.F.G.E.

The writer accepts with pleasure the invitation of the editor to expound further upon the subject so ably opened by Brother Edwards in The Exchange recently. The subject has been opened in an atmosphere devoid of the factional antagonism that too often has disrupted the ranks of labor. Here in Agriculture, we are trying, through cooperation, to improve the status of our fellow workers.

Lodge #31 has been an active entity in Agriculture for less than a year, having been formed last May by the amalgamation of Agriculture Lodge #31, Professional and Technical Lodge #121, and A.A.A. Lodge #170. Divided, we were handicapped by an exclusiveness justly criticised by non-members. With this step toward unity, Lodge #31 has found new life.

We feel that we should recognize the advantage of affiliation with the A. F. of L. which threw its great power into the balance to win us back our pay, annual leave, and other privileges. This does not deny us the right of criticism of those A. F. of L. policies to which we cannot subscribe. Such criticism is healthy, especially when raised from within the organization.

The advantages of unionization may be summed up under three heads: (1) Democracy; (2) Education; (3) Cooperation. Through the first two, we may achieve the third.

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CHORUS TO BROADCAST

The Chorus goes on the air Sunday, February 7, 1937, at one P. M. in a joint recital with Pearl Hower, organist, over Station WRC. Mr. Freund, the director, promises a pleasant half hour.

Three numbers will be sung.

(1) In this, the greatest of democracies, our industries are still administered under a quasi-feudal system. Only when all workers join together and discuss and act upon their problems democratically in unions, will the defects inherent in a feudal setup be eliminated.

The Secretary's Office has recognized the need for such democratic worker relationship in the statement that Dr. Stockberger authorized Lodge #31 to publish, in its June, 1936, "Organizer".

(2) Through unions, education of the workers is advanced in fields of social and economic science directly applicable to themselves, giving them a better understanding of their own problems as well as of the parliamentary procedure necessary in a democracy.

(3) Cooperation, the essence of progress is achieved only through the understanding of the problems of others as well as one's own. To these ends, all should join unions and work for that better understanding. Emulate the clasped hands of the union label! See Brother Archie Edwards or see me for that card today!

At present, Lodge #31 is engaged in a membership drive in order to become more

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

As a demonstration of the popularity of our Department publication, and the generosity of its Editors in giving space in it, about 50 persons from the widely separated branches of our Department responded to your appeal for workers on our Christmas Hospital project, and, as a result, there were made this year about 180 perfectly beautiful "Jesus Birthday Books", which were distributed to the sick-a-bed children in the following hospitals:

Gallinger, 50;
Children's Tuberculosis, 50;
Children's, 37;
Freedmen's, 28.

We have received expressions of appreciation from the Superintendents of these institutions for the beautiful gifts made by this group of their friends in the Department.

In connection with this project there was held on December 12, an exhibit of the most beautiful "Jesus Birthday Books" made by the contestants.

-Pearle R. Smith,
Rm. 249-W, Fruit & Veg. Crops
& Diseases, B. P. I.

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NEW SWIMMING SAVINGS ANNOUNCED

A.R.A. members can, on presentation of membership cards, use the Venetian Pool of the Shoreham Hotel, any time from 1 to 10 P. M., daily, for the special price of 40¢. This includes admission, swim suit, locker and towel, and is good for the winter season up until about May 30.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

Will you please 'phone me who is in charge of the Department orchestra? I have a friend who is interested in becoming a member.

- A. H. H.

REPLY

Dear A. H. M:

Dr. Walter Bauer, AAA, is in charge of the orchestra. Sorry we could not telephone.

- The Editor

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RE: STAFF APPLICATIONS

The Editor wishes to thank the many applicants for the writing position now open on the Exchange. Selection has as yet not been made, but the persons interested will be advised by letter soon.

There are other vacancies on the staff for which the ability to write is not needed and for which men and women are invited. Applicants should write to Irene L. Bartlett, Room 4403 South Bldg. The Agriculture Exchange, or come to the meeting in that room at 4:45 next Wednesday or Thursday.

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***For sometime now, the Exchange has spelled the word, "employee", using but one final "e". Much has been said about it, and often we have been criticized for it, but have held steadfast to our spelling, using the newspapers of Washington and Webster's Dictionary as authorities.

Now, along comes someone and points out that the United States Government Printing Office "Style Manual" requires that editors spell the word with two final "e"s; that for years, Department editors have been training typists to adhere to some degree of conformity and uniformity; that we are but making more work for these wielders of the blue pencil.

We respect and will adhere to the tenets of the "Style Manual". In the future, the word, "employee" will have two final "e"s. We hope the Public Printer will revise his list so that we may go back to our preferred form

MOTOR TRAVEL SERVICE

WHY JOIN A UNION

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Transportation Wanted To:

- Ill. - Chicago, Feb. 18 - 20
- Md. - Annapolis, Weekends
- N.Y. - New York, Semi-monthly
- Pa. - Philadelphia, Semi-monthly, and Weekends
- Local- Dept. - 16 & Irving, N. W.
- Dept. - 14 & Decatur, N.W.
- " - Ga. & Decatur, N.W.
- " - 17 & Mass. Ave., N.W.
- " - Ga. & Lamont, N. W.
- " - Riverdale
- Between - 14 & Belmont and Standard Oil Bldg.
- " - Ga. & Crittenden and Standard Oil Bldg.

Transportation Offered To:

- N. Y.- New York, Feb. 6
- Pa. - Philadelphia, Feb. 5, Weekends
- Local- Dept. - 13 & Clifton, N.W.
- " - Takoma Park
- " - Silver Springs
- " - Cherrydale
- " - Lyon Village
- " - Colonial Village

Send request to Motor Travel Bureau, c/o the Exchange, giving name, bureau, room number, phone, and home phone. Do not telephone.

Have you had any thrilling, exciting, or amusing adventures while making a trip through the Motor Travel Bureau? We should like to recount your experiences on these pages under your own name or anonymously. Write to Motor Travel Bureau, The Exchange, Room 4403, South Building.

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***When requesting information about the buying service of the ARA, be sure to give bureau addresses.

JOIN THE ARA

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truly representative of the employees of the Department. It has established through its Grievance Committee, amicable and understanding relationship with the Secretary's Office in the handling of employee problems. The few grievances that have been brought to its attention have been given intelligent and cooperative consideration. Through its monthly organ, the "U.S.D.A. Organizer", the Lodge tries to keep employees informed of happenings in our section of the Labor world. Since its reorganization the Lodge has entered the field of social activities with a wiener roast, a phonograph musicale, a bowling party, and two dances, the latest at Wardman Park, all of which were complete social successes. Our meetings have frequently been graced with speakers on timely topics. It is our intention to extend the scope of our organization in order to further weld the intellectual, social and economic interests of Department of Agriculture employees.

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SCHRICKER WRITES ON UNIONS

John A. Schricker has written the second of a series on Federal employees' unions. Views expressed here are purely his, as President of A. F. G. E. Lodge #31. They are not necessarily the views of the Exchange.

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*** The Girl's Basketball team defeated The Jewish Community Center, 22-11 last Thursday. Sadie Curtain was high scorer.

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HOUSING SERVICE OFFERED

Don't forget about the rooms and houses, or apartment service offered employees by Mrs. Winfree, 1031 South Building.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 4. Basketball, 145-pound Team, Roosevelt High, 8:30 P. M.
Chess, Room 2349 South Building, 8:00 P. M.
Men's Interbureau Duckpin League, Rosslyn Bowling Center, 8:00 P.M.
Ladies' Federal Bowling League, Arcadia Alleys

February 7. Chorus, WRC, 1:00 P. M.

February 8. Orchestra, Auditorium, 7:30 P. M.

February 9. Interbureau Basketball League, McFarland Junior High School,

8:30 Adm. Audit - S.C.S.

7:30 Clearance - Forest Service

9:30 Weather Bureau - Secretary's Office.

Filing Seminar, A.A.A., Central Files, Room 0722,
Mr. Cowles, Leader.

February 10. Camera Club, Mt. Pleasant Library, 8:00 P. M.

February 11. Chess, Room 2349 South Building, 8:00 P. M.
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This list is necessarily incomplete, but will improve with age.

FEDERAL BOWLING LEAGUE

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Ladies Federal Bowling League is comprised of 16 teams representing the different Departments in the Government Service. At present, there are four representing the Department of Agriculture, namely: Agriculture #1, captained by Mae Perry, BAE, Crop Estimates; Agriculture #2, captained by Mayne Fleharty, Bureau of Accounts; A.A.A., captained by Mildred Lewis, A.A.A.; and Resettlement, with Winifred Criss at the head.

The President is Doris Goodall, Bureau of Public Roads; Secretary-Treasurer-Scorer, Elsie E. Romero, B.A.E. Both officers have served for the last eight years.

The League bowls every Thursday night at the Arcadia.

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***The Welfare Store reports that it has plenty of cream, smoked meats and bacon at low prices.

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Dear Sir:

During the seven years duration of my career as a stenographer, I have been called upon to delve periodically into that messy job of inking a stamp pad only to have my efforts rewarded with a precise application of ink splashes, centered symmetrically on the more prominent parts of an astonished countenance.

With an especially interested eagerness, I set forth rather dubiously to try Mr. Dogge's suggestion, and found it the solution to a troublesome little operation.

As Mr. Dogge himself expressed, there are many other irksome procedures that come to the daily attention of stenographers that could be simplified if one only knew that certain twist. Well done, Mr. D.

- H.D.

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A.R.A. OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 1937

At a meeting of the Elections Committee of the A. R. A. held on February 2, ballots were counted and the following were found to be the victorious candidates:

Joseph Bertolini, President,
Yank Robbins, Vice-President,
Mrs. Elsie E. Romero, Treasurer,
Mrs. M. L. Mercer, Corresponding Secretary,
James H. Lyman, Recording Secretary.

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N.F.F.E. HOSPITAL GUILD
BEGINS SIXTH YEAR

The Hospital Guild of the N.F.F.E. Local #2, began its sixth year February 1, 1937. The annual membership fee of \$5.00 is due then and new members will be accepted at that time. In order to be eligible an applicant must have been a member of Locals #2 or #260 for a period of at least six months prior to Feb. 1, 1937.

The annual fee of \$5.00 includes up to 28 days hospitalization in any one year at Providence Hospital, covering a bed in a two-bed room, board and ordinary nursing service and medicines; or a maximum allowance of \$3.25 per day in any other hospital in the world.

Although the fee of \$5.00 is about one-half that required by other organizations, the Hospital Guild offers an extra week of hospital care. Full information may be secured from Mary O'Donnell, B.A.E., Sec.-Treas. Agr. Branch, N.F.F.E. #2.

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CALISTHENICS GROUP ORGANIZES

Under the leadership of Leonard Tambor, Office of Budget and Finance, the gym class will meet in Room 3841, Friday, February 12, at 4:45.

Exercises will be of corrective and stimulating nature, rather than the usual muscle development and backbreaking type. Mr. Tambor has several years of experience in physical training instruction.

The first gym session will be on Feb. 16 as noted in the Calendar of Events.

AGRICULTURAL CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club, with twenty regular members and frequent visitors, is in its second year of operation under the ARA, providing diversion and interesting competition for the devotees of the royal sport. Meetings are held regularly on Thursday evenings in Room 2349 South Building, except during the summer months.

On invitation of the Metropolitan Chess Association of the District of Columbia the Club entered two teams in the District tournament begun in the fall of 1936. From present prospects, both teams will be strong contenders for the District championship, each having a record of 4 wins out of 5 matches played up to February 1, 1937.

THE CLUB INVITES CHECKER PLAYERS TO SIT IN AT ITS MEETINGS. Alexander Sturges, B.A.E., is Club "Dictator".

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REPEATED BY REQUEST:

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

I have just noticed in the latest issue of the "Exchange" that some one was asking about playing with the Department of Agriculture Orchestra. It occurs to me that there are perhaps several employees in the Department who would like to play, but who feel that they are not quite far enough advanced to play with that orchestra.

In this connection, I wish to advise that I am the manager of what is intended to become a small concert orchestra at one of the protestant churches here in the city. This little orchestra was started about four months ago and has grown from six at the beginning to fifteen at present. We are particularly in need of a bass, a tenor saxophone and about two trumpets, but can still take on several of the other instruments, particularly so if we obtain the instruments just named.

At present we are playing only concert music of average difficulty, hymns and a few popular numbers. Of course, as the group progresses, we shall learn music of greater difficulty and thereby provide ample practical experience for advanced playing.

Should you see fit to mention this matter in the "Exchange" all replies or inquiries should be forwarded to W. B. Wise, Bureau of Animal Industry, Meat Inspection Division, Room 3-208, Building F.

- W. B. Wise.

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JOIN THE ARA

*** We thank the A. D. & M Section for their cooperation in getting out the EXCHANGE. We thank them when the paper comes out on time-- when it comes out late.

We thank them when it comes out late --for wishing the press of other business would slacken to permit them to put the "Blue Sheet" on the mimeograph and on the assembling machine. After all, the official business of the Department does come first.

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***The distribution system of the EXCHANGE is being overhauled. Many will receive an increase in their allotments. We thank those bureaus that have replied to our memo asking for the correct mailing address for the EXCHANGE. There are still a few replies outstanding.

***In answer to many a discouraged lady's complaint, we point out that in the Department of Agriculture, in Washington, there are SIX MEN FOR EVERY FIVE WOMEN.

***Continuing our picture taking excursions, we have visited many activities in action. We were pleasantly surprised by the size of some of the groups such as the bridge club, the basketball teams, the bowling teams, and others that we have visited.

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WANTED: More Men and Women to work on the Calendar of Events of the Exchange. Writing ability, though desirable, is not essential, but accuracy and loyalty are. If interested, write Irene L. Bartlett, Room 4403, South Building, The Agriculture Exchange, or come to the meeting, Room 4403, Wednesday, at 4:45.

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LOST: From Room 1618, South Building, one new Blackboard mounted on frame. It was borrowed early in November. Anyone knowing location of a stray Blackboard, should notify the Graduate School, Br. 317, Room 4090, South Building.

MOTOR TRAVEL BUREAU

HOLIDAY TRIPS PLANNED

Transportation Wanted To:

Fla., West Palm Beach, Late Feb.
 " " " Early March.
 Ill., Chicago, Feb. 18, 20.
 Md., Annapolis Weekends
 N.Y., New York Feb. 19, 20, 26.
 " " " Bi-monthly
 Pa., Phila. Weekends, bi-monthly
 Local. Bet. Dept. & 17 & Morris Pl., N.E.
 " " " 16 & Irving, N.W.
 " " " 14 & Decatur, N.W.
 " " " Ga. & Decatur, N.W.
 " " " 13 & Clifton, N.W.
 " " " 17 & Mass., S.E.
 " " " Ga. & Lamont, N.W.
 " " " Riverdale
 " Standard Oil Bldg. & 14th
 " & Belmont, N.W.
 " Standard Oil Bldg. & Ga.
 " & Crittendon, N.W.

Transportation Offered To:

La., New Orleans Feb. 26
 Va., Richmond Weekends
 Local. Bet. Dept. & Takoma Park
 " " " Silver Springs
 " " " Cherrydale
 " " " Lyon Village
 " " " Colonial Village

***Have you had any experience, thrilling, amusing, exciting or otherwise, while on a trip made possible through the Motor Travel Bureau? If so, write us a few lines. We will not use your name if you do not wish. Address your envelope to Room 4403, The Exchange.

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***Persons interested in registering for the 100-word stenographic course of the Graduate School should contact the Graduate School immediately. A class in advanced speed stenography is also being formed.

***A large supply of the series of lectures on Department of Agriculture Objectives is available at the office of the Graduate School. All registered students in the course may obtain copies free. Others may obtain them at a cost of 50 cents each.

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Plans have been completed for low rate holiday train trips for the Washington Birthday weekend, leaving on the Pennsylvania Railroad. Another feature popular here, the all-expense trip, will be repeated. All tickets are good returning within ten days from date of leaving. PHILADELPHIA, \$4.40.

NEWARK, JERSEY CITY, NEW YORK, \$7.10. Leaving, Friday, February 19, 5:00 P.M. Saturday, February 20, 1:30 or 2:00 P.M.

The all-expense trip, to include meals, nightclub, Radio City, sightseeing, et cetera, lodging at Hotel Victoria, will cost \$9.90 additional, Saturday through Monday. A limited supply of free radio broadcast tickets will be available. Room only plus transportation, will cost \$10.75.

Those returning at 7:30 Monday, to arrive in Washington 11:35, may reserve seats in private return coaches.

Additional information from Mrs. Roby Stehr, Br. 523, Information Desk.

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WASHING MACHINE FOR SALE

The Bureau of Home Economics has available a washing machine 1935 model ABC. It has not been used and can be purchased at a discount. It may be inspected during working hours in Room 6536 South Building.

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TRACK EVENTS PLANNED

All members of the Department of Agriculture Track Team are urged to get in touch with Yank Robbins, Room 303, Old Post Office, Ext. 4026, as soon as possible. Plans are on foot to enter some members, and possibly a relay team, in the Maryland University indoor games, at the 5th Regt. Armory, Baltimore, on Sat. March 6th.

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CHECKER FANS, AHoy!

Do you wish to play checkers. We can offer you a room and a chance to pit your skill against others. Send your name, bureau, room number, and telephone branch to Room 4403, care of M.S.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 11. BASKETBALL, 145-pound Team, Roosevelt High, 8:30 P.M.
 CHESS, Room 2349, South Building, 7:30 P. M.
 CHORUS REHEARSAL, Auditorium, South Building, 4:45 P. M.
 LADIES' FEDERAL BOWLING LEAGUE, Arcadia Alleys
 MEN'S INTERBUREAU DUCKPIN LEAGUE, Rosslyn Alleys, 8:00 P.M.
- February 12. GYM CLASS MEETING, Room 3841, South Building, 4:45 P. M.
- February 13. DANCE, AMERICAN LEGION, Post #36, Gingham Club over "Child's",
 10:00 - 1:00
- February 15. ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL, Auditorium, South Building, 7:30 P.M.
- February 16. BASKETBALL, Aggiettes vs. Stewart Photographers, Epiphany Gym,
 8:30 P.M.
 INTERBUREAU LEAGUE: MacFarland Junior High School
 Weather Bureau vs. Clearance 7:30 P.M.
 Administrative Audit vs. Forest Service, 8:30 P.M.
 Secretary's Office vs. Soil Conservation 9:30 P.M.
 FILING SEMINAR, Photographic Filing, Room 5540, South Building,
 Mr. Carl Hanson, Leader, 7:30 P.M.
 GYM CLASS, MacFarland Junior High School 7:30 P.M.
- February 17. AGRICULTURE EXCHANGE TRY-OUTS FOR CALENDAR REPORTERS,
 Room 4403 South Building, 4:45 P.M.
 BIOLOGICAL SURVEY, ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE, Hay-Adams House.
- February 18. BASKETBALL, Aggiettes vs. Labor, Central High
 Gym, 8:30 P.M.
 145-pound Team, Roosevelt High, 8:30 P.M.
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INTER-BUREAU LEAGUE GAMES PLAYED

GIRLS, FEBRUARY 2.

In games played in the Inter-Bureau League, Tuesday, February 2, Adm. Aud. forfeited to Secretary's Office. Clearance defeated Soil Cons. Scr. 43-8. Weather Bureau, 18-Forest Service 10. **WEATHER BUREAU'S DEFEAT OF FOREST SERVICE WAS THEIR FIRST VICTORY IN LEAGUE COMPETITION.**

The Girls' Team is tied for second place in the City-wide Girls' League with 3 wins and one loss. Having defeated Federal Alcohol Adm., 29 - 11. Marge Watson, O.P.O., was high scorer with 11 points.

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The League standings at the end of play on February 2:

	W.	L.
Sec. Off.	3	0
Clearance	3	0
S.C.S.	1	2
Weather Bu.	1	2
Adm. Aud.	1	2
Forest Service	0	3

ADVANCE GIRLS' BASKETBALL SCHEDULE.

	Gym	Time
Sat. Feb. 6., United Type.-	Tech.	7:00
Tues. Feb. 16. Stewart Phot.-	Epiphany	8:30
Thur. Feb. 18. Labor	Central	8:30
Tues. Feb. 23. United Type.-	MacFarland	8:30
Sat. Feb. 27. Jewish Com. Center -		
	Tech.	7:00
Tues. Mar. 2. Fed. Alcohol-MacFarland		8:30

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ARA TO GIVE DANCE IN PATIO FEB. 27th
PHIL LAMPKIN'S ORCHESTRA ENGAGED

With the dance season at its height, the ARA is again making possible another low cost dance, one of those given in the patio that have proven so popular, for the evening of Saturday, February 27th, from 9 to 12 P. M. Phil Lampkin's orchestra has been engaged for the occasion and Phil will be there himself.

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THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE DRAMATIC
CLUB TO PRESENT MAMMY'S LI'L WILD ROSE

With the casting completed and the rehearsals in full swing, the Dramatic Club of the Department of Agriculture is busily preparing their first play of the 1937 season to be given March 17 & 18. The play, "Mammy's Li'l Wild Rose" is a three act comedy-drama with the Blue Ridge Mountains as its locale. Rose O'May (daughter of the run-away marriage of Robert Courtvane, of Washington's exclusive society, and Prudence O'May, pretty mountain lass) learns of her inheritance of the Courtvane millions through Lester Van, who secretly hopes to win Rose's hand and thereby gain control of the inheritance. The plot fails however when Rose overhears Lester talking of it to Daniel French, with whom Rose is very much in love. Mammy Celie's uncanny ability to read fortunes by cards and a horse race figure prominently in the plot.

The play is being directed by Rose Perkins and produced by Ted W. Cadwallader. With music by a chorus of sixteen voices, and the Department Orchestra, and a cast that includes Alice Burris, Stanley Rolczynski, Jack Selby, and Lois Rankin, the play is sure to be a hit.

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CREDIT UNION DECLARES DIVIDENDS

Members of the Credit Union should present their passbooks by mail or in person to the Credit Union, Room 1041 South Building, so that dividends may be entered.

Special plans are being made to see that those persons who come as singles will have a good time. Chief difficulty previously has been a preponderance of males. (Ed.- There are 6 men to every 5 women in the Department of Agriculture).

Tickets may be obtained at the door for 35¢ which will include refreshments. Extra chairs will be provided for the leg-weary.

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ARA LUNCHEON PLANNED FOR INDUCTION

The Athletic and Recreational Association has planned a luncheon for Monday, February 23rd, at 12M, in room 6953, for the purpose of inducting newly elected officers. The luncheon will cost 50 cents.

Since the capacity of the room is limited, reservations must be made with Mrs. Roby Stehr, Br. 523. Several prominent officials of the Department have been invited.

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CHORUS SINGS AT HOTEL ROOSEVELT

Last week, the chorus furnished the Sunday concert music, which the Hotel Roosevelt is featuring this winter. A large audience demonstrated its approval by enthusiastic applause. The quartet also sang several numbers and was equally well received. A last minute shifting of programs made it impossible for the chorus to broadcast the same day as previously announced in the Exchange.

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JOIN THE ARA
(See Page 4)

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Joseph D. Cooper.....Editor
Irene L. Bartlett.....Milton M. Spahn

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

In re, your comments on the spelling of Employee: It seems to me that a fundamental feature has been overlooked: There are two different pronunciations, with a spelling for each. If you pronounce it, "em-employ-ay", you spell it with one "e" (employe)--that is the French style. If you pronounce it "employ-ee", you spell it that way, English style. I am inclined to think the English pronunciation is much the commoner of the two in this country. Incidentally, can you think of any English word ending in a consonant and followed by "e", in which the "e" is sounded? "Faye" is pronounced "fay" ("e" is silent); "date" is "dat" ("e" is silent); "male" is "mal" ("e" is silent). In other words, the terminal "e" merely shows that the preceding vowel is long, rather than short. By all rules of analogy, "employe"--without an accent over the final "e"--should be pronounced, "employ".

Incidentally, notice that it is the National Federation of Federal Employees, and the American Federation of Government Employees--like Postum--
"There's a reason".

--W.A. Dayton.

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While I have only attended one ARA dance and then brought my own partner, I have read with much interest the different letters in regard to the difficulties of becoming acquainted with young people of the opposite sex.

May I suggest some time instead of the usual dance that a party be planned in which no single girl or man is to come with a date. Then plan a number of schemes to mix the group so that all become acquainted, instead of the girls standing around like "wall flowers" until some young man picks up enough nerve to amble over and ask the prettiest girl in the group to dance. Perhaps one not so pretty might be more interesting if a means of becoming acquainted were thrust upon him.

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***We welcome the assistance of our former editor, Jack J. Kearins, who helped slide the Exchange over many a dark spot. Mr. Kearins is now employed in the Internal Revenue Bureau and formerly did some work on a New York newspaper.

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DO YOU PLAY CHECKERS?

Do you wish to play checkers? We can offer you a room and a chance to pit your skill against others. Send your name, bureau, room number, and telephone number to Room 4403, care of M. S.

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JOIN THE ARA
(See Application on Page 4)

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HOLIDAY TRIPS PLANNED

Plans have been completed for low rate holiday train trips for the Washington Birthday weekend, leaving on the Pennsylvania Railroad. Another feature popular here, the all-expense trip, will be repeated. All tickets are good returning within ten days from date of leaving.

PHILADELPHIA, \$4.40.

NEWARK, JERSEY CITY, NEW YORK, \$7.10.

Leaving, Friday, February 19, 5:00 P.M.

Saturday, February 20, 1:30 or 2:00 P.M.

The all-expense trip, to include meals, nightclub, Radio City, sightseeing, et cetera, lodging at Hotel Victoria, will cost \$9.90 additional, Saturday through Monday. A limited supply of free radio broadcast tickets will be available. Room only, plus transportation, will cost \$10.75.

Those returning at 7:30 Monday, to arrive in Washington 11:35, may reserve seats in private return coaches.

Additional information from Mrs. Roby Stehr, Br. 523, Information Desk.

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ART CLASSES PROVE SUCCESSFUL

The Fine Arts Classes, now composed of Freehand Drawing and Architectural Drawing, promises to produce a fine crop of artists and architects if enthusiasm can be the barometer for prediction. One pupil was amazed as to the new approach in studying these subjects presented by their instructor.

Opportunity is still offered new students to register in one or more of the "Graphic Presentation" courses. Classes are held every Monday in Room 0051 from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. and every Thursday in Room 1039 at the same time.

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LOST!

Feb. 9 after 2:20 P. M. Lady's wristwatch in or around the South Building - by Evvena S. Wallace, Rm. 6745 South Building, Personnel Section, A. A. A.

PATHOLOGY COURSE ANNOUNCED

A course on the pathological reactions of protozoological infections will commence on Wednesday, February 17th at 7:00 P. M. in Room 223 East Wing, Administration Building. (3 semester units of credit). Fee \$15.00.

The course will begin with a study of the picture of normal blood, of the red bone marrow blood, and of other organs of the hematopathic system, and will deal with the defense reactions of the host against pathogenic protozoa, and also of the protozoa to the host. The various ways evolved by protozoa to their transfer from one host to another will also be considered. The course will also comprise study of their life cycles.

Students desiring this course should have had the first semester or the equivalent covering the Histology of normal vertebrate organisms.

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OLD RIDING CLUB MEMBERS SAVE DUES

Because of a surplus in its treasury, the riding club has decided to cancel payment of dues for this year to all old members. 1936 members are requested to renew their ARA memberships and have them initialed by Mrs. Roby Stehr, Administration Building, Information Desk. New members will be required to pay 25 cents yearly club dues.

Reductions in price have been obtained for club members in groups of ten at Rhinehart's Riding Range, Langley, Virginia. Phone, Clarendon 811-F-13. (See Application for membership in ARA on Page 4).

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WASHING MACHINE FOR SALE

The Bureau of Home Economics has available a washing machine 1935 model ABC. It has not been used and can be inspected during working hours in Room 6536 South Building.

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C A L E N D A R O F E V E N T S

- February 18. AGRICULTURE EXCHANGE, Meeting, Room 4403 So. Bldg., 4:45 P.M.
 BASKETBALL, 145-pound Team, Roosevelt High, 8:30 P.M.
 " Agiettes vs. Labor, Central High, 8:30 P.M.
 CHESS, Tournament 7:30 P.M.
 CHORUS REHEARSAL, Auditorium, South Building, 4:45 P.M.
 LADIES' FEDERAL BOWLING LEAGUE, Arcadia Alleys, 8:00 P.M.
 MEN'S INTERBUREAU DUCKPIN LEAGUE, Rosslyn Alleys, 8:00 P.M.
 N.F.F.E., Lodge 31, Room 2050, South Building, 8:00 P.M.
- February 22. ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL, Auditorium South Bldg., 7:30 P.M.
- February 23. A.R.A. LUNCHEON, Room 6953 South Building, 12:00 M.
 BASKETBALL, Aggiettes vs. United Typewriters,
 MacFarland Jr. High, 8:30 P.M.
 FILING SEMINAR, Food & Drug Files, Rm. 4170 South
 Building, Mr. McCann, Leader.
- February 24. AGRICULTURE EXCHANGE, Reporters' Meeting, Room 4403
 South Building, 4:45 P.M.
 CAMERA CLUB, Mt. Pleasant Library, 8:00 P.M.
 LADIES' AGRICULTURE BOWLING LEAGUE, Recreation
 Alleys, 8:00 P.M.
- February 25. AGRICULTURE EXCHANGE, Staff Meeting, Room 4403,
 South Building, 4:45 P.M.
 BASKETBALL, 145-pound Team, Roosevelt High, 8:30 P.M.
 CHESS CLUB, 7:30 P.M.
 CHORUS REHEARSAL, Auditorium South Building, 4:45 P.M.
 LADIES' FEDERAL BOWLING LEAGUE, Arcadia Alleys, 8:00 P.M.
 MEN'S INTERBUREAU DUCKPIN LEAGUE, Rosslyn Alleys, 8:00 P.M.

Name.....(Last).....(Middle).....(First).....Date.....

Application For Membership in

ATHLETIC & RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Bureau..... Division.....

Building.....Room.....Office Telephone.....

Home Address.....Home Telephone.....

Return with 25 cents to Mrs. Elsie Romero,

B...Room 3531 So. Bldg...griculture

Return By Mail

If applicant desires to join the buying Service submit
 additional \$2.75.

Yes___ Indicate by X whether or not desired. No___

Rec'd Payment \$.....

Date.....

***** U. S. Department of Agriculture *****

ORCHESTRA TO PLAY COMPOSITION BY AGRICULTURE EMPLOYEE

The program which the Department orchestra will present on Wednesday, March 3rd in the Department of Agriculture Auditorium, includes the "Keltic Legend" by Laurence Powell, an employee of the Resettlement Administration, stationed in Little Rock, Arkansas.

The "Keltic Legend" is a very tuneful and romantic work. The composer, a Welshman and Kelt, received the inspiration for this work during a sojourn in England under the influence of Welsh mountain scenery, Irish literature, and the folk music of the Hebrides.

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DEPARTMENT ORCHESTRA IN TROUBLE

French horn players are pretty rare, even among the 15,000 employees of the Department of Agriculture. And when one of the minimum of four, that an orchestra like ours must have, drops out because night school claims him, everybody in the orchestra is most unhappy. Before the next concert, which is to take place on Wednesday, March 3rd, the orchestra must be made happy again. The orchestra management says that there are three ways to accomplish that:

- a. Appearance at rehearsal (Monday, 8:00 p.m., Auditorium, South Building) of French horn players from U. S. D. A. ranks;
- b. Or of players that are relatives or friends of Agriculture employees;
- c. Donation of a second-hand French horn to the orchestra.

It would be fine if all employees could cooperate by spreading this information, for frequently a particular issue of the Exchange does not reach everyone. Incidentally, despite the fact that the roster of orchestra lists more than eighty members, there is room in other sections of the orchestra also, particularly in the viola section. Address all communications to Secretary of Department Orchestra, Box 19, South Building.

***We are pleased to announce that the Department collected and turned over to the Red Cross over \$10,000.00 in cash and twenty truckloads of clothing.

Other numbers on the program, which will be conducted by Dr. Walter Bauer, are: The Ruy Blas Overture by Mendelssohn; the Pastorale d'oté (A Summer Scene) by the French modern composer Honegger; the charming Sinfonietta by Chadwick, the well-known New England composer; and the Kil Nidrei (All Vows) by Max Bruch. The latter is a cello solo with orchestra accompaniment and will be played by Mr. Leslie Atkins, employee of Resettlement and Assistant Conductor of our orchestra. Mr. Atkins was formerly cellist in the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra.

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CHORUS RENDERS SECULAR MUSIC

The Chorus will give a concert of Secular Music at 8:30 P. M. Friday, February 26, in the Auditorium. Part of the program will consist of numbers which the Chorus sang at the Hotel Roosevelt two weeks ago. The usual capacity house is expected.

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CHESS CLUB STARTS TOURNAMENT

The Agriculture Chess Club will start its second annual chess tournament Thursday evening, February 25, in Room 2349, South Building. Entries will be accepted until March 4th. All A.R.A. members are cordially invited to join. There is no fee.

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is five cents toward a collection for a mirror to be placed outside the window of the first floor of the N. W. corner of the South Building to see when street cars are coming up 14th Street from Water Street.

-- C.O.B.

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LINES TO AN EDITOR

Your fingers must be blue with chalk,
Your forehead, lined must be;
Because you ever scan the words
That's wrote by guys like me.

What with your editorials,
And motor Travel, too,
And ditto calendar of dates;
I'll bet you're awful blue.

But when you know you're aiding us
The daily grind to ease,
You should feel very okey-doke
Good-by and thank you, please.

(The last line could read, "You great big hunk of cheese")

-- The Brater.

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***We have not for some time seen so many lovely ladies in one place at the same time as we saw at the Hay-Adams House last week at the annual Biological Survey dinner and dance.

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MOTOR TRAVEL BUREAU

Transportation Wanted To:

Fla., West Palm Beach, Late Feb. Early March.
Ill., Chicago, March 25, 26.
Md., Annapolis Weekends
N.Y., New York, Bi-monthly, Also Feb. 26, 27.
Pa., Phila., Bi-monthly, Weekends.
W.Va., Weirton Weekends
Steubenville Weekends
Local:

7th and Morris Place, N.E.
16th & Irving St., N.W.
14th & Decatur St., N.W.
13th & Clifton St., N.W.
Georgia & Decatur St., N.W.
Colonial Village
Takoma Park
Riverdale
Camp Washington
Bet. Standard Oil Bldg. and 14th & Belmont, N.W.
Bet. Standard Oil Bldg. and Ga. & Crittendon, N.W.

Transportation Offered to:

Fla., Miami Feb. 27, 28 & March 1.
La., New Orleans Feb. 26
Pa., Philadelphia Weekends
Va., Alexandria Daily
Richmond Weekends

Local:

17th & Kentucky Ave., S.E.
Takoma Park
Silver Springs
Cherrydale
Lyon Village
Colonial Village

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WELFARE STORE

Beef - All Cuts
Steak
Roasts
Stewing beef, etc.
Smoked meats.

ATHLETIC AND RECREATIONAL ASSN.

BRIDGE

Generally acknowledged to be the finest organized body of its type in the Government Service in Washington, the ARA is comprised of a number of units representing the various athletic and recreational activities, all of which have a voice in the Council, and elect their own group officers. It serves the 15,000 Agriculture employees and their families in Washington and members of the Park Service located in the Agriculture Group. Dues have been nominally placed at 25 cents; the proceeds of which go to the support of many financially weak activities; for the sponsorship of representative groups in interdepartmental competition; and for the presentation of awards.

In 1936, several dances, a field day at Beltsville, Maryland, at the National Research Center; and railroad excursions, at savings to employees, were sponsored. Discounts have been made available for the purchasers of sporting goods and services, including swimming pools.

Representatives of other organizations have consulted with the officers on occasion, relative to the formation of similar groups.

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FUEL CLUB

Organized in 1935, the Agriculture Fuel Club has now combined with the Washington Consumers' Club, permitting access to many more benefits. Quite a sum of money was saved employees thru cooperative purchases of coal and oil. With the approach of spring, thought should be given to the early purchase of fuel, for greater savings.

President, Louis S. Murphy (FS); Secretary, Gordon Webner (Cleveland 1272).

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*** The Welfare Store announces that it has plenty of fresh and smoked meats on hand now.

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There are two very active bridge clubs in the Department. The ARA Bridge Club had 109 members in 1936, a gain of 64 members over 1935, 61 enrolled by reason of the contract bridge lessons given by a prominent teacher. Except for the summer duplicate bridge was played twice monthly. Tournaments and prizes are featured. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Saturdays at 1603 K Street, at 8:00 P.M. President, J. L. Wilson, (BAE); Treas. H. A. Leibensperger, (BPR); Secretary, Mrs. Ruth P. Little (BPI).

The other group originated among members of Chemistry and Soils and the Food and Drug Administration with dancing and dinner in addition to bridge. It is now purely for bridge players and is open to all Agriculture Employees. Games are played on the first, third and fifth Wednesdays of each month at 2400 16th St., N. W. at 8:00 P. M. Prizes are awarded to the winners. President, R. E. Marsh (FS); Vice-Pres. Dr. H. G. Byers (C&S), Sec.-Treas. Mrs. Thelma F. Lee (F & DA).

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ARA DANCE FEBRUARY 27th.

With Phil Lampkin's Orchestra providing the rhythm, the ARA providing the refreshments, all at a cost of 35 cents, and the employees of the Department providing the fun, a very successful affair is predicted for the evening of Saturday, February 27th, from 9:00 until 1:00 P.M.

Special attention will be given persons who come as singles.

Extra chairs will be provided.

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LEGION POST CONTRIBUTES TO FLOOD RELIEF

Post #36 of the American Legion, Agriculture's own unit, has contributed \$100 to the American Red Cross Flood Relief Fund. This was made possible through the disposition of a painting by Fenton N. Walter of the B. I. E., and the highly successful dance held recently.

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U. S. Department of Agriculture

A dance will be held in the patio of the Administration Building on Saturday night, February 27, 9 PM to 12 M. Admission of 35¢ per person includes refreshments.

Phil Lampkin is supplying the music for this dance and will be there in person during part of the evening. Phil has promised us the best 6-piece orchestra in town.

No matter how much you pay you will not find a better place in which to dance or finer music.

Parents of children who are old enough to dance, will find these dances an ideal place to take their children.

Plenty of chairs will be provided for those who wish to rest or to watch the dancing. Checking facilities are provided.

OVER

AGRICULTURE EXCHANGE BULLETIN

Refreshments will consist of coffee, cider, coco cola, and doughnuts. Cigarettes, candy and other refreshments will also be available.

The Capitol Theatre has been kind enough to lend us several sets of lights with which beautiful coloring effects can be produced. You can pay more than we charge BUT you cannot get more dance satisfaction anywhere.

The Committee will try some new schemes to make persons acquainted who attend the dance as singles.

REMEMBER! Patio of Administration Building, February 27, 9 PM to 12 M price 35¢ per person, refreshments included.

OVER

Alleys, 8:00 P. M.
ORCHESTRA CONCERT, Auditorium South Building.

March 4. AGRICULTURE EXCHANGE, Staff Meeting, Room 4403, 4:45 P. M.
South Building, 8:45 P. M.
BASKETBALL, 145-pound Team, Roosevelt High, 8:30 P. M.
CHESS CLUB, Room 2349 South Building - Tournament 7:30 P. M.
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L.F.G.E., Lodge 31, Meeting Room 2050, South Building, 8:00 P. M.

EXAMINATIONS FOR THE U. S. CIVIL SERVICE

JUNIOR BILLING-BOOKKEEPING MACHINE OPERATOR.

\$1,440 a year. Age, at least 18 but under 53. Closing date, March 8.

RADIO INSPECTOR.

\$2,000 a year, Federal Communications Commission. Age, under 45.
Closing date, March 8.

BINDERY OPERATIVE (HAND AND MACHINE).

66 cents an hour. Government Printing Office. Age, at least 18 but under 45. Closing date, March 1.

ARA MEMBERS URGED TO RENEW CARDS SOON

Last year's rush of applicants for membership in the A.R.A. during the opening of ball and tennis seasons with attendant excessive demands upon the time of the Athletic and Recreational Association officers, and delays in getting cards to members who needed them to be eligible to play on Department teams, makes it appropriate at this time to suggest that players get their cards now.

Application blanks can be obtained from Mrs. Stehr at Information Desk, Administration Building, from the Guard Stations of the South Building and from Mrs. Elsie Romero of the BAE, by mail, and Mr. Lyman at room 5724-26 South Building.

FOREST SERVICE HOLDS FAMILY MEETING

Members of the Forest Service and their families filled the Department Auditorium recently to hear Chief Forester Silcox report informally on his recent trip to study European forestry conditions and practice under the auspices of the Oberlaender Foundation. Mr. Silcox also was one of the representatives of the Forest Service attending the International Congress of Forestry at Budapest, Hungary.

Picturing conditions encountered in many lands during the 4½ month trip, Mr. Silcox related incidents of the visits to European forests and farms. He disclosed important inter-relationships between forestry, the various industries, and the other elements making up the social and political complex of Europe. On great forested estates and in humble cabins of woodsmen, he discovered significant evidences of real culture, often threatened but never quite overcome by adverse conditions.

Mr. Silcox attributes the happiness and stability of populations in part to their innate love of the land and an all-pervading conviction that the conservation of soil, forests, minerals, and water, and the preservation of recreational and scenic values are matters of public as well as private concern. Conservation has become second-nature to Europeans and they are taking care of their natural resources for social as well as economic potentialities.

"One is surprised to find European forests, in contrast to the richly-varied American forests, are composed

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DRAMA GROUP NEARS PRODUCTION DATE

Featuring Alice Burris in the title role, and Stanley Rolczynski as the successful young author who finally gets his wish, "Mammy's Li'l Wild Rose" a three act comedy-drama which is to be produced March 18 and 19 by the Agriculture Dramatic Club in the Department Auditorium, is fast moving towards production with the cast showing fine form at rehearsals. The scene is laid in the mountains of Virginia about a hundred miles from the District and during the course of action, comedy and drama, the characters weave themselves into an exceptionally fine story of the mountains and their people.

Also featured in supporting roles are Edith Aymar as "Mammy Celie", Jack Selby as "Orpheus Jackson", Dorothy Braun as "Babe Joan", and Ruth Baumgartner as "Letty Van". The play is being directed by Mrs. Rose Perkins.

RIFLE TEAM BEING ORGANIZED

Sharpshooters and those who can hit barndoor are invited to participate in the formation of a rifle team for the Department of Agriculture. Those interested should call Yank Robbins, Branch 4026.

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***ARA dances in the beautiful patio of the Administration Building always conjure up in our mind an atmosphere of softness that lingers for hours after curfew. The patio - resplendent in its own right - without the need of the lights and decorations added - makes us visualize the picture of a lovely Spanish senorita - head tilted backward, soft lights playing on a beautiful face, fading off into darkness, a mysterious glow in her eyes, with cigarette smoke curling upward.

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***The West Virginian of Soil Conservation Service, in the Standard Oil Building is requested to communicate with the Floridan with reference to the heavy overcoat offered on February 23rd. Telephone, North 8412.

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CORRECTION

With reference to the sum of money contributed by the American Legion Post #36 to the Red Cross Flood Relief Fund, last week's issue should have read: "Contributed over \$100", instead of "\$100!"

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***Will the young lady in Resettlement Administration who wishes transportation to Savannah, please send her name, room and telephone number, also her home address to the Motor Travel Bureau.

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MOTOR TRAVEL BUREAU

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Md., Annapolis	Weekends
N.Y., New York	Bi-monthly
Pa., Philadelphia	Weekends
W.Va., Steubenville	Weekends
Weirton	"
Local: Bet. Dept. and 7th & Morris Pl., F.	
" " " 13th & Clifton, N.W.	
" " " 14th & Decatur, N.W.	
" " " 16th & Irving, N.W.	
" " " 17th & Mass. Ave. SE	
" " " Ga. & Decatur St. NW	
" " " Ga. & Lamont St. NW	
" " " Colonial Village	
" " " Takoma Park	
" " " Riverdale	
" " " Camp Washington	

Transportation Offered to:

Pa., Philadelphia	Weekends
Va., Richmond	"
Alexandria	Daily
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Bet. Dept. and 17th & Kentucky, SE	
" " " Cherrydale	
" " " Colonial Village	
" " " Lyon Village	
" " " Silver Springs	
" " " Takoma Park	

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*** Plans are being made for reduced railroad rates for Philadelphia, Newark, Jersey City, and New York for the Easter Holiday. Details will be announced in the next issue of the Exchange.

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***The Welfare Store has plenty of fresh and smoked meats on hand now.

FOREST SERVICE HOLDS FAMILY MEETING (Continued from Page 1)

chiefly of 2 or 3 species which once stood in almost unbroken stands from the Pyrenees to the Urals", he said. The forests remaining in Western Europe are a revelation of the results of good forest management. This care of the woods is easily understood when it is remembered that so many millions of people are dependent in large measure upon a comparatively limited area of field and forest".

Nationalistic policies which have played havoc with other industries have not spared the timber industry in Europe. Nevertheless, the river banks are kept beautiful, the forests intensively managed, and millions of people are housed in serviceable and beautiful new buildings.

In Russia he met the chief government forester who has supervision over forest lands covering an area equal to that of the entire continental United States.

North of the Arctic Circle, in Sweden, Mr. Silcox traversed fine streams, magnificently tinted by the midnight sun. He also visited the forests of Finland, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, France, and other countries.

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INTERBUREAU BASKETBALL LEAGUE ENDS SECOND HALF

The final standings for the second half of the Agriculture Basketball League are as follows:

	W.	L.
Sec. Off.	5	0
Clearance	4	1
SCS	3	2
Weather Bureau	2	3
Adm. Aud.	1	4
Forest Service	0	5

In the playoff between the winners of the first and second halves, Clearance Section and the Secretary's Office, the latter won in a well played game, score 18-17. It was probably the best game of the year.

Mill Meek and Tom Keefe were outstanding for the losers as were Madden and Arnold Prohein for the winners. The score at half time was 10-9 Sec. Off.

WHITEMAN TO APPEAR WITH NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Paul Whiteman and his Orchestra will be combined with the National Symphony Orchestra in one of the most unusual concerts of the Capital's music season March 17 in Constitution Hall.

Arrangements just completed by Mr. Whiteman and Hans Kindler, conductor of the National Symphony, call for a program for Washington similar to those which Mr. Whiteman presented so successfully this winter with the Philadelphia Orchestra in Philadelphia and New York. Merging for this occasion one of America's major symphony orchestras with his own group which is especially equipped and trained to present the music of today, Paul Whiteman will give Washington music lovers a rare opportunity to hear the newest developments in American music. For more than a decade Mr. Whiteman has been a foremost exponent of this music.

In addition to the famous leader and his orchestra the program will have another singular feature. Deems Taylor noted American composer and New York music commentator, will be present to give his annotations on the program's music before the audience. This is the assignment he also had at Mr. Whiteman's Philadelphia Orchestra concerts.

Mr. Whiteman and his Orchestra will appear with the National Symphony in the place of George Gershwin, the composer and pianist, who was to be soloist on the March 17 date. Gershwin will not be able to keep his engagement because of work he is doing in Hollywood on music for a motion picture about to be released.

To take Gershwin's place the National Symphony was most fortunate to obtain the services of Mr. Whiteman, since he is the one who first introduced Geo. Gershwin's music to the American public, C.C. Cappal, manager of the symphony, pointed out.

The Whiteman concert will be in the National Symphony's regular midweek series and will be presented at 8:30 P. M.

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C A L E N D A R O F E V E N T S

March 4.	AGRICULTURE EXCHANGE, Staff Meeting, Room 4403, South Building,	4:45 P.M.
	A.F.G.E. Lodge 31, Meeting, Room 2050, South Bldg.	8:00 P.M.
	CHESS CLUB, Meeting, Room 2349, South Building,	7:30 P.M.
	CHORUS REHEARSAL, Auditorium, South Building,	4:45 P.M.
	LADIES' FEDERAL BOWLING LEAGUE, Arcadia Alleys	8:00 P.M.
	MEN'S INTERBUREAU DUCKPIN LEAGUE, Rosslyn Alleys	8:00 P.M.
March 5.	AGRICULTURE POST #36, American Legion, Moose Hall, 1414 Eye, N.W.,	8:00 P.M.
March 8.	ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL, Auditorium, South Building,	8:00 P.M.
March 10.	AGRICULTURE BRIDGE CLUB, 2400 16th St., N.W.	8:00 P.M.
	CAMERA CLUB, Mt. Pleasant Library	8:00 P.M.
	LADIES' AGRICULTURE BOWLING LEAGUE, Recreation Alleys,	8:00 P.M.
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THE FRONTIERS OF LAW AND ECONOMICS

A series of lectures under the joint auspices of the American University and the Graduate School of the Department of Agriculture:

Date	Speaker	Subject
March 6.	GARDINER C. MILNS	"Corporation Economics & Corporation Law"
March 13.	WALTON HALE HAMILTON	"Property and the Law"
March 20.	NORMAN L. MEYERS	"Administrative Law & Oil Control"
March 27.	JOSEPH B. EASTMAN	"The Railroad Problem after Fifty Years"
April 3.	KARL N. LLEWELLYN	"Sales Law and the Economics of the Market"
April 10.	DONALD R. RICHBERG	"The Lawyer and National Administration of Economics Legislation"

"The Administration of Anti-Trust Legislation" (Speaker and date to be announced)

The lectures will be held on Saturday afternoons at 1:45 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Department of Agriculture Building. Fee for the series, \$3. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the office of the American University School of Public Affairs (1904 F St. N.E. 5090), in the office of the Graduate School of the Department (Rm. 4090, South Bldg., Dis. 6350, Br. 317), or at the entrance of the Auditorium preceding the lectures.

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800 ATTEND DANCE IN PATIO

ARA ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR ANNUAL BALL

SUMMER DANCES BEING PLANNED

Usually 400 or 500 people attend the ARA dances in the patio, so when 800 crowded the Administration Building a week ago last Saturday, the committee was almost frantic in its search for more refreshments and checking space. Plans had been made for the checking of 300 people, but about 600 checks were issued. Because of the unusual circumstances, the Dance Committee of the ARA feels sure the employees will excuse it for the slow service in returning checked articles.

The committee thanks the employees for their splendid cooperation in helping put the dance over.

Suggestions for future dances are invited and should be addressed in care of the Editor, The Agriculture Exchange.

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RIFLE CLUB REORGANIZES

On Wednesday, March 3, twelve men met in Room 6736 for the purpose of reorganizing the rifle club. An attempt will be made to secure the use of the National Guard range. The problem of securing rifles was also discussed and at the next meeting, Thursday, March 11, 1937, 4:45 P.M. in Rm. 6736 South Building, additional information will be furnished on this subject. The election of officers will take place at this time and reorganization will be under way. All interested in this activity are invited to attend.

Mr. Fred L. Ferrell, the coach, is a member of the D. C. National Guard rifle team and participated in the National Rifle and Pistol matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, last summer.

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HOUSING COMMITTEE ADVISES HOUSE BUILDERS

The Employees' Rent & Housing Committee has contacted a local agent who will undertake to represent any member of the USDA who wishes to build his own home. For a fixed commission, the agent will secure a satisfactory site; arrange for financing; obtain bids for, and supervise construction; and, in general, see to all matters connected with the completion of a home. He will undertake to obtain all material and services at lowest prices and to act exclusively in the interests of the prospective home-builder.

Persons interested may obtain further information from Mrs. Helen A. Winfree, Room 1041, South Building.

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Tentative plans are being made for the Second Annual Department of Agriculture Ball on April 3, according to Joseph Bertolini, President of the ARA. Phil Lampkin and his orchestra will probably be reengaged.

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Summer dance plans call for several affairs in the broad area bounded by the two arches on Independence Avenue. No one could ever complain of lack of space to dance then.

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LIBRARY CHANGES GRADUATE SCHOOL HOURS

On request of Dr. A. F. Woods, Director of the Graduate School, the Department Library has changed the hours for which it is open for the benefit of Graduate School students, to 4:34 to 6:00 on Thursday and Friday afternoons only. It is thought that this time will be more convenient for those wishing to make use of the books. No books are available for use during these hours except those which the various instructors have asked the Library to place on reserve.

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WITH THE EDITOR

***For two years the ARA has struggled to establish itself in the Department of Agriculture. It was a hard fight. The dance held last week may be taken as illustrative of the success of the organization. Usually about 400 people would attend one of the dances given in the past, but so well has the ARA done before, and so fine a reputation does it enjoy, that that number was doubled and 800 people came. The Dance Committee hopes that the employees who cooperated this time will help and make the coming Annual Ball a like success. Let us have a thousand at that affair.

***We had hoped that the second annual EMPLOYEE ACTIVITIES would be in the hands of Department members by now, but obstacles presented themselves. At this writing the copy is being prepared for the printed.

***Three out of every four letters that came to our desk this week were sealed in chain envelopes. Only one of the entire lot was of a confidential nature. All the others could have been sent unsealed. UNLESS OTHERWISE NECESSARY, CHAIN ENVELOPES SHOULD BE SENT UNSEALED.

***Recently a memorandum came out of the Office of Personnel addressed to the various officers of the bureaus, requesting that the EXCHANGE be given better and more prompt distribution. It is planned that the circulation be increased by 800 to take care of those bureaus that lack sufficient copies.

***Quite a few letters were received in reference to the position vacant on the staff of the EXCHANGE for a writer. The

ty to make a selection and takes this method to thank those who have expressed interest.

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SEQUEL: LINES TO AN EDITOR

We agree with Erster's rhyme and stuff,
He really didn't say enough.

The 'Change is neat and thorough, too.

Yours,

The Erster, Number Two

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A LETTER TO SHARPSHOOTERS:

In connection with the announcement contained in the Agriculture Exchange of March 3, concerning the proposed Rifle Team now being organized, Mr. M. K. Varnoll of the Comptroller's Office, A.A.A., has offered the use of the extensive grounds and rifle range in the rear of his home in Chevy Chase for rifle and revolver practice.

As a veteran in the art of Western trick-shooting, Mr. Varnell will be glad to tutor novices as well as aid the better shots to perfect their shooting technique.

Mr. Varnell is a past master of the quick draw and will give an exhibition of his skill in this respect on Saturday afternoon, March 20. All interested in gunning will be well entertained.

Call M.K.V. at Branch 4283, or Mr. Cotton at Branch 2846 for further details.

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***Without acknowledging its policies, we wish to take space to compliment the staff of the USDA ORGANIZER on the fine monthly publication it puts out. This paper is the organ of Lodge #31 of the AFGE and is distributed by members of the lodge.

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MOTOR TRAVEL BUREAU

Transportation Wanted To:

Ill., Chicago,	Mar. 25
Md., Annapolis,	Weekends
N.Y., New York	"
and	March 27.
Pa., Philadelphia	Weekends
W.Va., Steubenville	"
Weirton	"
Wis., Milwaukee	March 25
Local: Bet. Dept. and 7th & Morris Pl.	
	N.E.
13th & Clifton, N.W.	
14th & Decatur, N.W.	
16th & Irving, N.W.	
17th & Mass., S.E.	
Ga., Decatur, N.W.	
Ga., Lamont, N.W.	
Colonial Village	
Takoma Park	
Riverville	
Camp Washington	

Transportation Offered To:

Oklahoma,	April 15
Pa., Philadelphia,	Weekends
Va., Richmond,	"
Alexandria,	Daily
Local:	
Bet. Dept. & 17th & Kentucky, S.E.	
Cherrydale	
Colonial Village	
Silver Springs,	
Takoma Park	

Will the lady in Suburban Resettlement who wishes weekend transportation send a stamped card or envelope to the Motor Travel Bureau? It is the only way in which we can correspond with her.

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GUILD PRODUCES PLAY MARCH 18, 19.

The Dramatic Guild will produce a 3-act comedy-drama on March 18th and 19th in the Auditorium of the South Building at 8:00 P.M. Admission is free. Employees cautioned to come early if they wish to obtain seats.

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***Have you joined the ARA? Don't wait until the mad rush starts, at the beginning of the ball and tennis seasons. Join now!

CREDIT UNION CONTINUES TO EXPAND

Organized a little over two and a half years ago, The Agriculture Employees' Credit Union now has 1200 members who have invested \$45,000. The purpose of the Union is to encourage thrift and to offer employees an opportunity to borrow money at moderate rates of interest. The maximum charges to borrowers are one percent per month on unpaid balances. A 4½ per cent dividend was paid in 1936 and a 6 percent dividend in 1935.

Credit unions are really small banks of the savings and loan type organized on a purely cooperative basis. All employees of Agriculture and those of Interior who work in the Department of Agriculture are eligible for membership. This includes the Resettlement Administration, Soil Conservation Service and the Agriculture Adjustment Administration. Shares are \$10 each and may be purchased for as little as 50¢ a payday. Persons interested should contact Miss Curran, Room 1041, South Building, Branch 579.

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OBJECTIVES LECTURES AVAILABLE

The Graduate School has available for distribution, free sets of lectures as they were delivered in the Auditorium in the course, "Objectives of the Department of Agriculture". Only students who were registered may obtain the sets without cost. All others will be charged a nominal charge of 50¢. They may not be sent through regular distribution channels but may be called for at room 4090 South Building.

Employees who did not have the time to sit in at the lectures but who wish to know what part their position plays in the Administration of the Department of Agriculture as a public servant, who, in brief, wish to know what it is all about, are urged to obtain the set of speeches, all by important officials of the Department.

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***The Welfare Store has plenty of fresh and smoked meats on hands now.

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C A L E N D A R O F E V E N T S

March 11. AGRICULTURE EXCHANGE, Staff Meeting, Room 4403, South Building, 4:45 P.M.
A.F.G.E., Lodge #344, Bureau Public Roads, Meeting, Room 2050-A, So. Bldg. 8:30 P.M.
CHESS CLUB, Meeting, Room 2349, South Building, 8:00 P.M.
CHORUS REHEARSAL, Auditorium, South Building, 4:45 P.M.
LADIES' FEDERAL BOWLING LEAGUE, Arcadia Alleys, 8:00 P.M.
MEN'S INTERBUREAU DUCKPIN LEAGUE, Rosslyn Alleys, 8:00 P.M.
RIFLE CLUB, Room 6736 South Building, 4:45 P.M.

March 15. ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL, Auditorium, South Building, 7:30 P.M.

March 16. DRAMATIC CLUB, Meeting, Auditorium, South Building, 4:45 P.M.
N.F.F.E., Local #2, 21st Anniversary Banquet, Press Club, 7:00 P.M.

March 17. LADIES' AGRICULTURE BOWLING LEAGUE, Recreation Alleys, 8:00 P.M.

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DRAMATIC CLUB, "Mammy's Lill Wild Rose", Auditorium, South Building, 8:00 P.M.

BPR, A.F.G.E. LODGE MEETING MARCH 11

WHITACRE LEADS BOWLING LEAGUE

Bureau of Public Roads Lodge #344 of the A.F.G.E. will have an important meeting Thursday, March 11, at 8:30 P.M. in Room 2050-A, South Building. New members are invited and urged to be present. These following officers have been elected: President, T. Dwight Kelley; Vice-President, S. T. Linnard; Treasurer, Geo. Huber, Recording Secretary, E. C. Davis, and Corresponding Secretary, Ellsworth Crawford.

Cecil Whitacre of A.A.A. is one of the leading lights in the LADIES FEDERAL BOWLING LEAGUE. She carries an average of 101, which is third high in the League out of 80 girls. Agriculture #2 is holding second place with Agriculture #1 in fifth, A.A.A. in 7th and Resettlement in 13th.

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BUYING SERVICE STILL ACTIVE

Employees interested in saving on purchases through the Buying Service with which the ARA is in contact should write, using chain envelope, to Mrs. E. Romero, BAE, 3531 South Building, for literature and application blanks. Savings can be effected on fuel, oil, coal, electric appliances, household goods, etc.

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COLORED EMPLOYEES FETE FOR RED CROSS

The Association of Colored Employees gave a dance in the Patio recently, with about three hundred of its friends present. The proceeds were turned over to the Red Cross through the Department, to be used to help alleviate the suffering of persons in the flood area.

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CREDIT UNION HAS FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR LOANS TO EMPLOYEES: MEMBERS REQUESTED TO RETRIEVE BOOKS

The Department of Agriculture Credit Union has a substantial sum of money available to members for loans at the present time. The Credit Union charges low rates of interest. Assistance will be given to persons who are anxious to consolidate outstanding indebtedness. Members who have not retrieved their books after having had their dividends recorded are urged to do so as soon as possible.

The office of the Credit Union is in Room 1031 South Building.

Tickets for the Credit Union dance announced elsewhere in this paper may be obtained there.

GREENBELT PROJECT NEARLY FINISHED

The crescent-shaped village of Greenbelt, Md. is rapidly nearing completion. Officials hope to have the houses occupied by July first.

Nearly a half-million people have visited the growing town, driving over the two highways connecting Washington with Greenbelt. The area is expected to be thronged as soon as warm weather sets in.

Most of the homes are finished, as is the artificial lake. A concrete spillway at one end of the lake will furnish a magnificent view in summer for residents, and a mile-long toboggan slide for the kiddies in winter.

PLAY GOES ON THIS WEEK

Curtains go up promptly at 8:00 P.M. on Thursday and Friday, March 18 and 19 for the production of "Mammy's L'il Wild Rose", by the Drama Division in the Auditorium.

The staff wishes to assure employees of a delightful evening. Patrons are urged to come early to get good seats. Admission is of course free.

TELEPHONE TECHNIQUE

(From the FCA Employees Bulletin)

The telephone is an almost incredibly delicate instrument. Replacement of the receiver on the hook with a BANG! may put the instrument out of commission; and manifestly represents most discourteous treatment of the person on the other end of the line who may not yet have removed the receiver from his ear. Replace receiver gently.

CHORUS TO SING ON GOOD FRIDAY

Mr. Robert Frederick Freund will present the Chorus in its annual presentation of "The Seven Last Words of Christ", a sacred cantata by Theodore Dubois, from 5:00 P. M. to 6:00 P. M. Good Friday, March 26th, in the Department Auditorium. As this is the third year the Chorus has given the cantata an exceptional performance is assured. More than one thousand persons attended last year. Admission will be by tickets which can be obtained without charge at the Emergency Room in the South Building and at the Information Desk on the first floor of the Administration Building.

LEGION AUXILIARY

Featuring the mass initiation of members, originally scheduled for the February meeting, the next regular meeting of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Unit No. 36, American Legion Auxiliary, was to be held at the War Mothers' Home 1527 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., on Tuesday evening, March 16 at 8:00 P. M. All new members were asked to make a special effort to be present. The Department President, Mrs. Mary K. Killeen, the officers of her staff, and all Unit Presidents were invited to attend, as well as friends and relatives of members.

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FURTHER SEQUEL: LINES TO AN EDITOR

Anent the Editor being called "A Great
Big Hunk of Cheese".

Oh! did you ever stop to think
To make a hunk of cheese
The cows must drink and eat
And eat and drunk
Until they're ill at ease?

And then for days just give their milk
They've worked so hard to make;
It must be just as fine as silk-
No dishonesty or fake.

And Oh! the work, and time, and care
To make that hunk of cheese;
An editor worthy of that dare
Is something, if you please...

-The Defender

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CREDIT UNION COOPERATES IN "PRE-CONVEN-
TION DANCE"

All credit unions in the District of
Columbia are cooperating in sponsoring
a "pre-convention" dance, Saturday,
April 3, 1937, at the Mayflower Hotel.
Proceeds will be used to help entertain
delegates to the annual convention of
directors of the Credit Union National
Association, which meets in Washington,
April 9 to 11.

Dancing to the music of Maxim Lowe's
orchestra, will be from 10 to 1:00;
dress is informal. Tickets at 75¢ per
person may be obtained at the Office of
the Credit Union, Room 1041 South Build-
ing.

R A C E

Its a race;
Begins at morning--
Ends at night.

Feet racing,
Thoughts racing
All day long.

Up one hall,
Down another,
Then around a corner.

At last,
Near a chair,
But its no use.

What's that?
Oh, another trip;
Right back again.

Buzz - buzz--
Answer the call,
Number seven.

Rush, hurry --
"Oh, I beg pardon,
Sharp corners".

Lunch; gobble, gobble;
Then rush back,
To rush again.

Mail must get out,
Wrap and seal,
I think I'll go nuts.

Day is over --
Race is finished.
I'm just a tired messenger.

--Anonymous

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FOUND: A RING

The Central Supply Section is hold-
ing in its safe a G.W.U. Class ring
found in a wash room near Room 1904
South Building. The owner may have
his ring by applying in person at the
Section and identifying the ring as to
its stone and initials.

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MOTOR TRAVEL BUREAU

BRIDGE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Transportation Wanted to:

Conn., Hartford,	Mar. 27
Ill., Chicago	Mar. 25
Md., Annapolis	Weekends
N.Y., New York	"
Ohio, Cleveland,	Mar. 24, 25
Toledo,	Mar. 24
Pa., Harrisburg,	Mar. 20, 28
Philadelphia	Weekends
Pottsville	Mar. 20, 28
Tex., Ft. Worth	Apr. 3
San Antonio	Apr. 3
W.Va., Steubenville	Weekends
Weirton	"
Wis., Milwaukee	Mar. 25
Local:	
Bet. Dept. and 7th & Morris Pl., N.E.	
13th & Clifton, N.W.	
14th & Dectur, N.W.	
16th & Irving, N. W.	
17th & Mass. Ave., S.E.	
" Old P.O. Bldg. & 2707 Adams Mill	
Road, N.W.	
" Dept. and Ga. & Lamont, N.W.	
Colonial Village	
Takoma Park	
Riverdale	
Camp Washington	

Transportation Offered To:

Ill., Chicago,	Mar. 25, 26
N.Y., New York	Mar. 26
Tenn., Memphis	Mar. 22 to 27
Texas, Ft. Worth,	Apr. 15
Va., Alexandria	Daily
Richmond	Weekends

Local:

Bet. Dept. and Cheerydale, Va.
Colonial Village
Lyon Village
Takoma Park

Send request to Motor Travel Bureau, c/o The Exchange, giving name, bureau, room number, telephone number, and home phone. Do not telephone. Persons outside of the building should enclosed stamped envelope for reply.

The winners at the A.R.A. bridge game held March 6th were: East and West, First, Miss Margaret Pickett and S. T. Hitchcock, Second, Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Holmes; North and South, First, Miss Ethel E. Terry and H. A. Leibensperger, Second, John Lynch and J. L. Wilson.

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***Many employees of the Department will be interested to learn that A. F. G. E. Lodge #31 is taking up with the Personnel Office of the Department, the matter of a promotion and transfer procedure which would apply to all bureaus. Preliminary conferences have already been held with Messrs. Stockberger and Gladmon and another conference is scheduled for the week of the 14th at which details of the agreement will be further worked out.

The tentative plans of the Union call for the filling of positions by promotions within the personnel staff whenever possible; the making available to employees of news of vacancies; and the creation of an agency in the Department to handle these matters.

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EASTER EXCURSIONS ANNOUNCED

Special trips, as promised, have been announced for the Easter vacation to Philadelphia and New York. Trains will leave at 4:55 P. M. Thursday, March 25th; 12:55 and 4:55 P. M. Friday, March 26th, and 1:25 P. M., Saturday, March 27th. The fare to New York is \$7.10 and to Philadelphia is \$4.40. All tickets are good returning within ten days.

Further information and tickets may be secured from Mrs. Stehr, Br. 523.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 18.	AGRICULTURE EXCHANGE, Staff Meeting, Room 4403, South Bldg.	4:45 P.M.
	CHESS CLUB, Meeting, Room 0051, South Building,	8:00 P.M.
	CHORUS REHEARSAL, Auditorium, South Building,	4:45 P.M.
	DRAMATIC CLUB, "Mammy's Li'l Wild Rose", Auditorium, South Building,	8:00 P.M.
	LADIES' FEDERAL BOWLING LEAGUE, Arcade Alleys,	8:00 P.M.
	MEN'S INTERBUREAU DUCKPIN LEAGUE, Rosslyn Alleys,	8:00 P.M.
March 19.	AMERICAN LEGION, Post #36, U.S.D.A., Moose Hall, 1414 Eye St., N.W.	8:00 P.M.
	DRAMATIC CLUB, "Mammy's Li'l Wild Rose", Auditorium, South Building,	8:00 P.M.
March 22.	ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL, Auditorium, South Building	7:30 P.M.
March 23.	A.R.A. COUNCIL MEETING, Room 3841 South Building,	4:45 P.M.
March 24.	AGRICULTURAL BRIDGE CLUB, 2400 16th St., N.W.	8:00 P.M.
	CAMERA CLUB, Mt. Pleasant Library	8:00 P.M.
	LADIES' AGRIC. BOWLING LEAGUE, Recreation Alleys	8:00 P.M.
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THE FRONTIERS OF LAW AND ECONOMICS

A series of lectures under the joint auspices of the American University and the Graduate School of the Department of Agriculture:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Subject</u>
March 20.	NORMAN L. MEYERS	"Administrative Law & Oil Control"
March 27.	JOSEPH B. EASTMAN	"The Railroad Problem after Fifty Years"
April 3.	KARL N. LLEWELLYN	"Sales Law and the Economics of the Market"
April 10.	DONALD R. RICHBERG	"The Lawyer and National Administration of Economics Legislation"

"The Administration of Anti-Trust Legislation" (Speaker and date to be announced)

The lectures will be held on Saturday afternoons at 1:45 P.M. in the Auditorium of the Department of Agriculture Building. Fee for the series, \$2.00.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Office of the American University School of Public Affairs (1904 F St., Me. 5090), in the office of the Graduate School of the Department (Rm. 4090, South Bldg., Dis. 6350, Br. 317), or at the entrance of the Auditorium preceding the lectures.

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3. It sets a high standard for all other music in Washington.
4. It provides the necessary Orchestral setting for the appearance of great solo-artists.

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ARA PLANS DANCE FOR APRIL 10

With the success of its last dance still fresh in mind, the ARA is now making plans for the second annual ball to be held on March 10th, from 10:00 to 1:00, at the Almas Temple Ballroom. Phil Lampkin and his Radio Band will provide the rhythm. Admission will be \$1.65 per couple, including tax. Couples may come in semi-formal clothes or they may attend in regular street attire.

It is not known just yet whether there will be a special price for stags. Further details will be published in the next issue of the Exchange.

The 800 people who attended the last affair will look forward with pleasant anticipation to this dance. It is probable that entertainment in the form of choral and vocal renditions will be furnished.

Check the date -- April 10 -- on your calendar. Do it now!

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LEGION POST GIVES SAFETY AWARD

For the best traffic safety poster entered in its contest, American Legion Post #36 of the Department of Agriculture has offered a prize of \$5.00. Entries were to have been submitted no later than March 22nd and judged in the Auditorium on March 24th, at which time the award was to be made.

5. It raises the level of music-instruction talent.
6. It is a good advertisement for the National Capital.
7. It gives the Capital of the United States a preeminence among world capitals, in the field of musical culture.
8. It is a living indication to foreign emissaries and visitors that America does not neglect the cultural and artistic life of the people.

Remember - this is the NATIONAL Symphony

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No Symphony Orchestra is ever self-supporting. If there is to be an orchestra in Washington a sustaining fund must be provided, and that fund is now being raised.

All gifts are welcome - regardless of amount. A separate report is being made each day of voluntary donations from government employees.

Next year there will be Children's Concerts - Evening Concerts and Sunday Concerts - and at least one special invitation concert for Government employees.

Won't you contribute as generously as you can? You may attach your gift to this sheet and return it to -

Dr. W. W. Stockberger,
Director of Personnel
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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DO NOT PHONE OR CALL - WRITE

WITH THE EDITOR

***We were standing in line in the Welfare Store, waiting our turn to be served, when we overheard two gentlemen exhorting -between themselves - the inefficiency of the store's management. It seems that they were impatient at not being served immediately; that they had to wait in line, in true democratic fashion. They could not see why the store should not employ more assistance. From their talk, they seemed to think the clerks in attendance were creeping along.

We have never seen as hard working boys as are in the store. If the complainants knew anything about the economics of the situation, they would realize that the rush hour is only over a very short period of the day, and that during that period, they must wait. On paydays, we always wait in line in the bank. Should the bank put on additional help, just for that period?

***Following the line of least resistance - it is easier to write editorials of a remonstrative nature than of a laudatory tone.

***About 40 cents was shot to pieces because of human vanity. Our greatest difficulty in taking pictures is that insuppressible desire upon the part of folks to glare into the camera, when they should not. When they should, they will not. We were taking a picture of the stenography class of the Graduate School. It was of the candid variety; students all at work; the instructor giving dictation. When we inspected
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the proof, all was as it should be, except that one lady had turned around, and poking her head above the crowd, very inquisitively looked at the camera. Of course we could not use that picture.

***Acting in good faith, we published a story in the Exchange two weeks ago that has caused no end of embarrassment to us. Some practical joker wrote a letter, giving the details of an event, the names of persons to call on the 'phone, and to all appearances the article seemed legitimate. The head of this page says "Signed contributions only". That contribution was not signed. We did not think anyone would pull such a grade school trick as to send us a "phony". If we knew who the guilty party was, we would thoroughly castigate him in our columns, until, from embarrassment, he would never again play such practical jokes.

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NOTES TO THE EDITOR

Who is this guy, this awful guy
Who seeks to imitate?
I'd like to sock him in the eye,
(If he's under four foot eight).

For blood, my dear young Mr. Ed,
I am an awful thirster,
Let him use another name,
Your's cordially,

-- The Erster.

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HIBBARD WAXES POETIC:SAILING CLUB
ORGANIZES

Sailing, sailing,with the greatest of ease,
(O'er the Potomac,and not on a trapeze),
Sailing with zest, and fun and joy,
Passing each other,and saying "Ahoy,Ahoy",
That's what our plans are,and that's what
we'll do,
If we can just get together,tomake up our
crew.
So let us have a meeting in Rm.245-West,
Where we can all sit down,and talk, and
rest.
All boat owners invited,those without one,
too.
If you'll all come at 4:45,on the 30th of
March, and
Help us to decide just what we want to do.

TRAVEL BUREAU

Transportation Wanted to:

Conn., Hartford,	Mar. 27
Md., Annapolis,	Weekends
N.Y., New York,	"
Pa., Harrisburg,	Mar. 28
Pottsville,	Mar. 28
Phila.	Weekends
Pittsburg,	Bi-monthly
Tex., Ft. Worth	Apr. 3
San Antonio	Apr. 3
W.Va., Wheeling,	Bi-monthly
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Bet. Dept. & 7th & Morris Pl., N.E.
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 14th & Decatur St., N.W.
 16th & Irving St., N.W.
 17th & Mass. Ave., S.E.
 2600 Conn. Ave., N.W.
 2700 Adams Mill Rd., N.W.
 5300 Ill. Ave., N.W.
 Ga. & Lamont, N.W.
 Colonial Village
 Riverdale,
 Camp Washington
 Takoma Park

Transportation Offered To:

Mich., Detroit,	Apr. 1
Tenn., Memphis,	Mar. 27
Oklahoma,	Apr. 15
Tex., Ft. Worth,	Apr. 15
Va., Richmond,	Weekends
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 Camp Springs, Md.,
 Colonial Village
 Lyon Village
 Takoma Park

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RIFLE CLUB PROVES SUCCESS

From present indications the rifle club will boast both men and women's teams, if the number of the enthusiasts of both sexes that have attended meetings can be taken as a barometer.

CHORUS TO SING ON GOOD FRIDAY (Repeated from last week)

Mr. Robert Frederick Freund will present the Chorus in its annual presentation of "The Seven Last Words of Christ", a sacred cantata by Theodore Dubois, from 5:00 P. M. to 6:00 P. M. Good Friday, March 26th, in the Department Auditorium. As this is the third year the Chorus has given the cantata an exceptional performance is assured. More than one thousand persons attended last year. Admission will be by tickets which can be obtained without charge at the Emergency Room in the South Building and at the Information Desk on the first floor of the Administration Building.

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JOIN THE ARA NOW

With the approach of the tennis, swimming, and ball seasons, the ARA will be deluged by a flow of applications for membership. No one may participate in organized athletics and recreations in the Department of Agriculture unless he is a member of the ARA. Do not wait until the last minute. Join now. Your 25¢ sent immediately to any of the following will secure your membership card.

Whether it be horseback riding at reduced rates, or shooting in the new rifle club, or any other sport, a membership card is required. Don't wait until the crowd comes along. JOIN NOW.

Application blanks can be obtained from Mrs. Stehr at Information Desk, Administration Building, from the Guard Stations of the South Building and from Mrs. Elsie Romero of the BAE, by mail, and Mr. Lyman at Room 5724-26 South Building.

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DO NOT DELAY - JOIN NOW !!!

C A L E N D A R O F E V E N T S

March 25.	AGRICULTURE EXCHANGE, Staff Meeting, Room 4403, So.Bldg.,	4:45 P.M.
	CHESS CLUB, Meeting, Room 0051, South Building,	7:15 P.M.
	CHORUS REHEARSAL, Auditorium, South Bldg.	4:45 P.M.
	LADIES' FEDERAL BOWLING LEAGUE, Arcadia Alleys,	8:00 P.M.
	MEN'S INTERBUREAU DUCKPIN LEAGUE, Rosslyn Alleys	8:00 P.M.
March 26.	CHORUS, "Seven Last Words of Christ", Auditorium, So.Bldg.,	5:00 P.M.
March 27.	ARCHERY CLUB, Archery Green near Reflecting Pool - If Fair	3:00 P.M.
March 28.	ARCHERY CLUB, Archery Green near Reflecting Pool - If Fair	
March 29.	ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL, Auditorium, South Bldg.,	8:00 P.M.
March 30.	SAILING CLUB, Organization Meeting, Room 245-W, Adm.Bldg.,	4:45 P.M.
	SOFTBALL, Organization Meeting, Room 6736 South Bldg.,	4:45 P.M.
	SPELLING CLUB, Meeting, Room 6853 South Bldg.	4:35 P.M.
March 31.	AGRICULTURE BRIDGE CLUB, 2400 16th St., N.W.	8:00 P.M.
	LADIES' AGRICULTURE BOWLING LEAGUE, Recreation Alleys,	8:00 P.M.
April 1.	A.F.G.E., Lodge 31, Meeting, Room 2050 South Bldg.,	8:00 P.M.
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DR. J. NEYMAN TO LECTURE APRIL 7 - 10

One of the world's leading statisticians has been engaged by the Graduate School to lecture in the Department of Agriculture auditorium April 7th, 8th, and 9th: Dr. J. Neyman of the University of London. His contributions in the subjects of the first two lectures (see below) are his best known works, and the breadth of his interests insures all research workers a profitable attendance.

Wednesday, April 7th, 4:45 P.M.: The object of statistical methods.

Thursday, April 8th, 4:45 P.M.: Rational principles for selecting tests.

Friday, April 9th, 4:45 P.M.: The theory and practice of sampling human populations.

Each lecture will be followed by extempore questions and discussions. Tickets are \$1.50 for the three lectures.

In addition to the lectures, conferences are being planned with Dr. Neyman to afford the opportunity of studying in greater detail a number of special problems in statistics in which members of the Department have expressed an interest.

Information can be obtained from Messrs. B. R. Stauber, B. A. E., Room 2620, South Building, or W. Edwards Deming, B. C. & S.
